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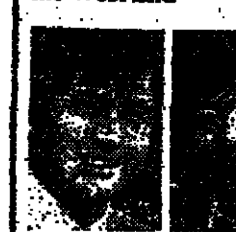
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When a friend gave Mr Jack Warner, a retired clerical worker, of Falmouth Road, Southwark, London, a Portfolio card, he passed it on to his wife, as he already had one. On Saturday, his wife's card won a dividend in the £2,000 daily Times Portfolio competition – and so did his own. The couple took two-thirds of the dividend, the other third going to Mr Frank Dwyer, of Island Wall, Whitstable, Kent.

The £20,000 weekly Times Portfolio winner is a retired consultant anaesthetist, Dr David Dangerfield of Broughty Ferry, Dundee. He was relieved that *he Times*published a full weekly list on Saturday as Dr Dangerfield, a regular reader of the *he Times*,had missed copies at the beginning of the week because of a fire in the paper's printing works last week. Today's list, page 18, how to play, pack page.

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Runcie challenges Tories' handling of miners' strike

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has delivered an outspoken challenge to the Government's handling of the miners' strike and to its economic policies in general.

Asking: "How long can we wait for jam tomorrow?" he denounced unprecedented levels of unemployment, despair and poverty in the community, inequitable sacrifices and those who "treat people as scum".

He was speaking to *The Times* after the Church of England's senior bishops had met in London under his chairmanship, and his remarks are thought to reflect the tone of their discussions.

On Saturday the Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Hugh Montefiore, who holds the key "social responsibility" chairmanship in the Church, condemned the Government's "politics of confrontation" and said that the miners' strike was motivated by understandable fear of the future.

Meanwhile the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, yesterday described his attempts to sway the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Peter Walker, as almost a "dialogue of the deaf".

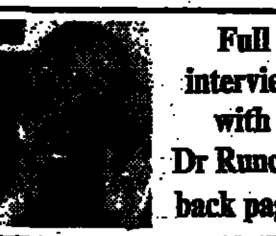
Mr Walker had asked the bishop, as one who had studied Marxist theory, to declare whether Mr Arthur Scargill was bent on a political crusade to undermine democracy. The bishop disclosed that he had a private meeting with Mr Walker last Wednesday.

The indications are that most senior bishops wish to see the Church take a high profile in present public political controversy, in spite of the considerable risks. A relatively small number, perhaps no more than half a dozen diocesan bishops of the 44, believe that the Church should either support the Government or keep silent.

In his interview with *The Times*, Dr Runcie called in question the Government's fundamental economic objectives. Violence on the picket lines, he said, could be traced back to violent language, to "the cheap imputation of the worst possible motives, treating people as scum in speech".

He challenged policies which caused "unemployment on an unprecedented scale, poverty, bureaucracy; despair about the future of some communities, and inequitable sharing of the sacrifices called for".

If those were the consequences then an Archbishop of Canterbury had to question the policies, even if economic growth, better living standards,



Full interview with Dr Runcie, back page

higher pay and the recovery of national pride were self-evidently worth aiming for. Anger, fear, a sense of injustice and violence were damaging the fabric of the nation, Dr Runcie said.

He condemned violent picketing, but spread the blame for it wider than the miners. "In a society where there is felt to be unfairness, or in a society where things matter more than people, or where there is a lack of meaning, or reponsibility or fulfilment to life, it comes out in this awful cancer of violence."

People were being desensitized to violence, Dr Runcie said. Violent language distorted the truth, poisoned the atmosphere and inflamed passion. "Abuse, the cheap imputation of the worst possible motives, treating people as scum in speech, all this pumping vituperation into the atmosphere has a deep effect on the possibilities of physical violence."

Dr Runcie went on to say that Britain needed leadership which would unite, not divide, the nation, adding: "That's not an attack on the Government. I think there are people in all the parties who have a much greater sense of agreement than you might think, leadership which would unite and not divide the nation."

The archbishop's word were carefully considered, and he had prepared extensive notes from which he sometimes read directly. Tape recordings were made by *The Times* and by Lambeth Palace staff, and transcripts were checked against each other afterwards.

Asked what would follow if there was no change of course, Dr Runice replied: "Bitterness and anger will spread especially if power supplies are affected. We shall all suffer economically, and the divisions will take generations to heal . . . there is a danger there will be in increased authoritarian kind of government, either from the right or the left."

He began the interview by saying: "Archbishops should stick to principles", and ended by saying that he wanted to avoid simplistic statements, but "as a Christian you have go to speak for those who are suffering most".

The interview adds the archbishop's full weight to the Church's unprecedented intervention in the political arena, and comes on the eve of the conference of the Conservative Party, once a traditional ally and friend of the Church of England.

A factor to justify this new political role, in the minds of some bishops, appears to be the lack of effective political resistance to the Government from the "middle ground" of secular politics, because the Labour Party is seen as tied to Mr Scargill.







Reining Princess: Anne keeps her seat at the water jump during yesterday's horse trials at Rotherfield Park, near Alton, Hampshire.

Acas in fresh pit peace moves

By Paul Routledge and Glen Allan

The miners' strike goes into its thirty-first week today with fresh attempts by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service to bring the warring parties together but little prospect of an early end to the conflict.

However, the threat of a walkout by pit deputies that would have brought the industry to a halt has been averted, temporarily at least.

Leaders of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers met Mr Ian McGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board, for 90 minutes in Doncaster yesterday and agreed to sponsor a new peace initiative under the auspices of Acas. In the meantime, the union's general secretary, Mr Peter McNestery, "hoped" that the strike due to begin today would not go ahead.

The centrepiece of the latest initiative is independent arbitration to act as a court of "final appeal" on the issue of pit closures. But the proposal came

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under criticism from both the Government and the National Union of Mineworkers yesterday. It looks less likely to form the basis of a settlement to end the protracted dispute.

Mr McGregor will meet Acas officials today and miners' leaders are likely to join the new round of tentative negotiations later in the week, perhaps tomorrow. Five miners' leaders are due to appear in the High Court in London on Wednesday to answer committal proceedings brought by two "dissident" Yorkshire pitmen.

The colliery supervisors made clear yesterday that their aim is to act as a catalyst in the peace process rather than to implement swiftly their members' 82.5 per cent vote for an all-out strike, originally due to have begun at midnight last night.

Mr McNestery said after yesterday's talks: "Both of us agreed to seek an urgent meeting with Acas and to ask them to use their good offices to help solve this dispute. We have made a lot more progress today than at any time in the last seven months."

Mr Ken Sampey, president of the pit deputies, added: "We are asking Acas to use their skill and expertise to help us out of this problem. I want to get everybody in the same room and chuck the key away until this is settled."

Yesterday's discussions between the deputies and the board were conducted in an amicable atmosphere but the cordiality did not extend to the miners' union. Mr Peter Heathfield, the NUM general secretary, told *The Times*: "The

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Report on Ronan Point 'altered'

By Charles Knevitt Architecture Correspondent

A paragraph describing the strength of the Ronan Point's structural walls as being comparable only to "the glass in a good window" was deleted from a public inquiry report by a government official, an expert on the tower block has claimed.

The passage was written by Professor Sir Alfred Pugsley, who contributed the section on structure to the report of the inquiry into the collapse of the 22-storey building in 1968.

Mr Sam Webb, an architect who has prepared a report on the defects of the tower, says the paragraph was removed against Sir Alfred's wishes.

Mr Webb will submit his allegations to Newham Council in east London tomorrow when it meets to discuss the block and five others in borough built to a similar design.

Mr Webb alleges that Sir Alfred's contribution to the report was deliberately toned down to avoid public alarm and to conceal the extent of the extent of the faults discovered in the block.

After a gas explosion caused the partial collapse of Ronan Point killing five people, more than £100m was spent strengthening 567 blocks containing 28,700 flats throughout Britain.

Last week the Department of the Environment said it had no list of all those blocks, even though the Ministry of Housing issued the figures which were published in May 1970.

New evidence of faults in the crucial H2 joint at Ronan Point has led to calls for new structural surveys to be undertaken on all the blocks which were repaired. Two other London councils ordered tests on some of their Taylor Woodrow Anglian blocks last week.

Mr Webb said yesterday: "A new list must be drawn up immediately so that surveys may be conducted. It is a matter of extreme urgency, people's lives are at risk.

"A terrible mistake has been made. But it has been suppressed by every means possible over a very long period of time. The force of gravity cannot be altered by fine legal phrases, just as the advisers of King Canute could advise him to stop the tide."

Mr Webb said Sir Alfred damned Ronan Point on the grounds of wind, load-bearing capability, fire and stress. But to speed up the findings, the inquiry concerned itself only with the cause of the explosion, the structural parts of Ronan Point, and recommendations.

Mr Webb said: "It omitted to ask the originator of the (Larsen Nielsen system, under licence to Taylor Woodrow Anglian) to give evidence or say why it was rarely used above six storeys in Denmark, where

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Yugoslavs expel British journalist

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade

Mrs Nora Beloff, the British journalist, has been expelled from Yugoslavia after police who searched the premises where she was staying had alleged that she was associating with "opponents of the regime."

Mrs Beloff was visiting Yugoslavia in connexion with a book she is writing. The police, who had a search warrant, spent more than two hours searching the premises and then gave her an order to leave within 24 hours and banning her from Yugoslavia for five years.

The British Embassy is to seek further explanation from the Yugoslav Foreign Ministry before making a formal protest,

Mrs Nora Beloff: Notes confiscated

as Mrs Beloff's case raises wider questions as to whether journalists are entitled to interview people who may be critical of the regime.

The two plain clothes police who carried out the search on Saturday, alleged that Mrs Beloff had engaged in activities contrary to Yugoslav law. One chapter of the manuscript of her book was confiscated, as well as all her notes of interviews with officials, critics and dissidents.

The search warrant was issued on the grounds that there was "well founded suspicion that Mrs Beloff was in possession of hostile objects". Mrs Beloff, who had intended to leave the country yesterday, did so.

Mrs Beloff began work on the book, which deals with seven "myths" about Yugoslavia, three years ago, and since then has visited the country frequently and travelled extensively in it. Among the numerous people she met was Mr Milovan Djilas, Yugoslavia's most famous dissident.

Jobless issue set to widen Tory divide

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The long-standing Conservative disagreements over unemployment last night threatened to blight this week's Tory conference at Brighton.

After a weekend of colourful conflict, with the Prime Minister calling some of her critics' ideas "crackers", Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said yesterday that it was not enough just to care about the unemployment issue.

He said: "I and the Prime Minister are as concerned as Mr Pym and Mr (sic) Gilmour and all those others. The question is not how concerned one is, but whether there are better ways of dealing with the problem."

He said in a radio interview on the BBC radio programme *The World this Weekend*: "Don't think that it's all black in this country; there are a quarter of a million people more in work at this time than there were 12 months ago."

But the Prime Minister's concern about unemployment, and its potential political consequences for the Conservative Party, have undoubtedly stimulated the appointment of Mr David Young as the Cabinet's own job creation expert.

The Cabinet Office announced on Saturday night that Mr Young, Minister without Portfolio, former chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, would head a special Enterprise Unit designed to promote employment opportunities.

Mr Young said in another radio interview yesterday that he had received pleasing reports about the number of "graduates" getting jobs fom the first year's intake of the Youth Training Scheme. He said: "What young people need is skill and the right approach. The jobs are there."

But Mr Pym, the former Foreign Secretary, says in the present edition of *Crossbow*, the Tory Bow Group quarterly: "We should be concerned about our young people who have been brought up in hope to be the proud inheritors of a glittering consumer society, and who emerged from school or college to find that it is a sham."

That message is certain to be echoed in Brighton this week. But the criticism went further last night, with Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, being used to increase the Tory divide.

Mr Michael Lingens, the Bow Group chairman, replied last night to Mrs Thatcher's angry reaction to his criticism of the Government's approach as cautious, defensive and a "cop-out".

Mrs Thatcher had told Mr Lingens that far from running out of steam, The Government was pressing on full steam ahead with privatization.

Mr Lingens last night replied with a quotation from Mr Fowler, also writing in the present *Crossbow*, who says: "It is important that as well as taking the action we also win the argument – that privatization is not some apposite dogma to Labour's policy of nationalization."

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Space walk postponed for two days

A walk in space by two American astronauts, Lieutenant-Commander David Leestma and Dr Kathryn Sullivan, has been postponed from tomorrow until Thursday, Nasa said in Houston yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The delay is to give the crew of the shuttle Challenger more time to transmit geographical pictures of the Earth. The mission's Earth-scanning experiment was threatened after antennae failed to work properly.

Yesterday the astronauts manouvred Challenger to point its disabled dish antenna at the tracking and data relay satelite

On Saturday the crew found that a wing of an imaging radar antenna in the cargo bay had become loose. Dr Sally Ride used the shuttle's robot arm to push the antenna down so that automatic latches could close.

Britain's embassy in Beirut shut

The future of the British Embassy in Beirut was unclear last night after threats that it would be the next target for a terrorist attack (Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

The consulate in west Beirut is expected to reopen today after being closed last week while its security was strengthened, but the main embassy office in the eastern part of the city has been closed and will stay shut pending a decision in Whitehall.

The Foreign Office would not comment on the nature of the threats against the Embassy and its 12 diplomats headed by the Ambassador, Mr David Miers. Nor would officials discuss the special measures introduced amid fears that the British mission had been selected by Shia fundamentalists for a suicide bombing.

Horses lure Queen to bluegrass country

From Nicholas Ashford, Lexington, Kentucky

The Queen began a week's holiday in the United States yesterday amid the rolling hills of Kentucky, a state famous for its bourbon whiskey, bluegrass music, fried chicken and horses.

It is horses rather than the promise of mint juleps or Colonel Sanders' finger-licking chicken pieces which has brought the Queen to this gently undulating land.

Kentucky's spring-fed Bluegrass region is unmatched anywhere on Earth for the nurturing of fine bloodstock. Within its 1,000 square miles are congregated some 300 horse farms where at any one time up to 200,000 thoroughbreds, standard-breds and show animals can be found grazing on placid meadows divided by miles of white plank fences.

For the next five days the Queen will be staying privately with one of Kentucky's leading horsebreeders, Mr and Mrs William Farish.

The Farishes have a farm just outside the historic city of Lexington. Mr Farish, who is 45, is vice-president of the Jockey Club of the United States and heir to a Texas oil fortune. His wife, Sarah, is a Du Pont heiress. They are, in the parlance of Kentucky's aristocracy, "old money" and therefore quite suitable to play host and hostess to the Queen.

Mr Farish, who is described as "quiet-spoken, not one of your brash oil types", first met the Queen at a polo match at Windsor in 1973. He has played polo several times with the Prince of Wales. The Queen will spend the first three days of her stay in Kentucky visiting stud farms and talking bloodstock with people who share her passion for horses.

She is staying less than an hour's drive away from Louisville, where President Reagan and Mr Walter Mondale were due to hold their first presidential debate late last night. The Queen would not be seeing either candidate because, an official explained, her visit was purely a private one.

The farms she will visit – Cainesway, Claiborne and Spendthrift – are far larger than any stud farms in England. Each covers more than 2,500 acres and contains about 40 stallions. The National Stud at Newmarket, the biggest in Britain, has six stallions on 500 acres.

The Queen has kept a mare in stud in Kentucky for past 20 years. The normal pattern is to leave a mare here for two years and then bring the mare and her progeny back to England.

On Thursday the Queen will join the landed gentry of Kentucky for a day at the races at Keeneland race course. There she will present the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup to the winner of a one-mile 110 yard race for three-year-old fillies, the one public function during her stay in the United States. The race carries a $100,000 (£80,600) purse.

From Kentucky the Queen will fly to Wyomingm, where she will spend three days at a polo ranch owned by the Wallop family. Senator Malcolm Wallop is the senior Republican Senator from Wyoming. His sister, Jean, is the wife of Lord Porchester, The Queen's racing manager.

Electricity group to oppose price surcharge to pay for pit strike

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Government plans to recoup the cost of the miners' strike through an increase in electricity prices will be opposed, the Electricity Consumers' Council says.

Mr John Hatch, the council's chairman, launching its annual report published today, said: "There is no justification whatsoever for electricity consumers to carry on subsidizing the coal industry. The electricity industry has for too long been paying too much for the UK coal it uses.

"The outcome of the current dispute between the National Coal Board and some of its employees will have long-term implications for the price of coal. Coal is used to generate electricity and expensive coal means unnecessarily high electricity bills for household consumers and industry."

Mr Hatch said it would be wrong if the extra costs of generating electricity from heavy oil led to an increase in electricity prices. The council felt that the Government should adjust the power industry's financing limits to reflect the extra costs.

The council's annual report also supports the Electricity Council view that future increases in power prices should be less than the annual inflation rate. The electricity supply industry's financial targets, soon to be set by the Government, should allow them to pass on efficiency gains by keeping prices down. The consumers' council also says that if the industry is correct about the benefits of its nuclear programme it is important that it should demonstrate the practical benefits soon through cost and price reductions.

The Treasury has already told the Department of Energy that it favours recouping the extra cost of the miners' strike on power generation, so far more than £500m, and rising at the rate of more than £25m a week, through a power price surcharge.

The Treasury favours the electricity consumer rather than the taxpayer footing the bill, with the clear message that the miners are to blame, but the electricity supply industry is in no mood to be used as a government revenue collector for the second year running.

The industry lost the battle last year, when Treasury "economic pricing" policies resulted in price rises at a time of record profits in the industry. The industry feels that it should be allowed to pass on to the customer the benefit of its efforts to cut costs, reduce staffing and raise efficiency.

The Central Elctricity Generating Board has said that the extra cost of generating more power from oil cannot be fully calculated until after the end of the miners' strike and the Electricity Council has already made it clear that it would prefer to be given a three-year financial target of 2 per cent return on assets. This would enable it to keep price increases below the inflation rate.

However, the Electrical Power Engineers' Association, whose members control the power stations and the operation of the national grid, has calculated that electricity prices would rise by between 20 and 30 per cent next year if the industry has to bear the cost of the miners' strike.

The association has written to Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, suggesting that the costs of the dispute should be borne by the nation "through the appropriate use of the Government's own financial recources".

Woman and 4 children killed in home fire

A mother and four children died in a burning house in Nottingham yesterday, but in Scunthorpe two sleeping babies escaped after an explosion wrecked a block of terraced houses. In west Wales, sixty buildings were damaged by a blast, believed to have been caused by a fractured gas main, in the seaside resort of Saundersfoot.

In Nottingham, the fire swept through a three-storey terraced house in Waterloo Promanade, Radford, the home of two sisters and their six children.

Neighbours made several rescue attempts but were unable to help the victims, who were trapped at the top of the house. They watched as the children screamed and banged frantically on the windows while flames roared through the building.

One of the women threw her child 20ft to the ground from an upstairs window, and then jumped herself. Both were badly injured. Aother child was rescued by a neighbour.

The dead were named as Mrs Vanda Urbacz aged 23, and her sons Julian, aged two weeks, James, aged two, and Cornell, aged eight. Her nephew, Christopher Urbacz, aged eight, also died.

In Scunthorpe, Matthew Smith, aged six months, was plucked unhurt from heaps of debris by his mother, who was blown yards through the air by the blast.

Mrs Sharon Smith, aged 23, dug through the debris with her hands and found her baby son alive under his cot which had turned over beneath a pile of wreckage.

Meanwhile, in the same devastated modern block of privately owned houses, Haley-Ann Gibson, aged 22 months, emerged unscathed from the explosion which left the family home wrecked.

Their four houses were wrecked, three of them reduced to debris, and an indentical neighbouring block badly damaged in the explosion at Briar Way.

The blast in the early hours of the morning, which was heard 15 miles away, is believed to have come from one of the houses which had been unoccupied fro six months until last week.

In Saundersfoot, a three-storey shop at the centre of the blast, was destroyed and windows and doors up to a quarter of a mile away were smashed. A witness described the scenes as "like a horror movie".

More than 100 people were evacuated from their homes after the breakfast-time blast, which left dozens of homs without gas. One man was slightly hurt in the explosion.

Throughout the day there were about sixty small explosions of gas pockets trapped under the blazing shop in the village centre.

Mr Tony Smith, whose wife and son escaped the blast, among the ruins of his home in Scunthorpe.

Urgent search for toxic waste sites

By Ronald Faux

The Government is urgently seeking other disposal centres for toxic chemical waste after the Re-Chem plant at Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, closes in 12 days.

The fear that there could be illegal dumping or burning was underlined recently when the Transport & General Workers' Union in Scotland warned its members working at local authority incinerators and refuse tips to be on their guard against any suspicious-looking waste.

It is feared that the lack of an incinerator able to generate the intense heat needed to dispose of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBS) – once used in electricl insulating material – will lead to a build-up of the material.

The Re-Chem plant is understood to have a stockpile of between 70 and 200 tonnes of liquid and solid PCB waste.

In Canada there are reported to be six million litres of PCB awaiting disposal, with no plant authorized to do the work.

It is unlikely that either of the other Re-Chem plants, at Pontypool, Gwent, and Southampton, will be allowed to accept the waste for incineration because of local pressures, and the Welsh plant is already operating at full capacity.

The only other centre in Britain with acceptable equipment is understood to be the Cleanaway plant at Ellesmere Port in Cheshire.

It incinerates liquid PCBs, which formed about 63,000 of the 1.2 million gallons o liquid waste which it handled last year. About 12 per cent of the PCB waste came from Re-Chem.

Cleanaway said yesterday that it would have spare capacity next year to handle more liquid PCBs, although no approach had been made to it. "As far as we are aware there is no other plant in Britain that can safely dispose of this material if Re-Chem is not to be allowed to do the job", it said.

Tories increase their poll lead

The Conservatives have increased their opinion poll lead over Labour by two points, to 8 per cent, over the past fortnight.

A Market and Opinion Research International (MORI) survey published in yesterday's *Sunday Times* gave the Conservatives 43 per cent, compared with 35 per cent for Labour, 19 per cent for the Alliance, and 3 per cent for others.

The poll suggests that the Alliance and Labour have lost one percentage point each between the Liberal assembly in Bournemouth and the middle of last week, when Labour's Blackpool conference had begun. The Tories and others each gained one point.

Eight face £10m drugs charge

A woman and seven men are due to appear in Rochford Magistrates' Court, Essex on a smuggling charge today in connexion with last week's £10m drugs raid on a yacht in the Crouch.

They are Sally Lynn Patricia Evthatmon, aged 27, of Church Combe Estate, Uckfield, East Sussex; Nicholas Keferakis, aged 26, a Greek citizen; Geoffrey Reginald King, aged 41, of Harlow, Essex; Brian John Hill, aged 38, of Corringham, Essex; Geoffrey Terence John, aged 46, of Romford, Essex; Keith Desmond Jones, aged 37, of Canewdon, Essex; David James Crichton, aged 22, of Corby, Northamptonshire; and John George Bridger, aged 37, of Waltham Cross, north London.

Diver verdict

The death of Mr Iain Baker, aged 19, a Cambridge University undergraduate who drowned while diving with members of the British Sub Aqua Club off Land's End in March, was an accident, a Penzance jury decided on Saturday.

Miners and board in fresh moves

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question of the colliery review procedure can be discussed after the dispute is settled.

"That is not the central issue; it is the board's willingness to withdraw the March 6 closure programme in view of the situation in the industry. After seven months of strike it seems irrelevant to the problems facing the industry."

He added: "I do not think Mrs Thatcher will allow anything to happen this week. She is not willing to go to her conference with her Iron Lady image tarnished so she will deter Mcgregor from reaching a settlement."

The deputies' initiative was attacked by the Government and the miners yesterday. Speaking on BBC radio *World This Weekend* Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State fot Trade and Industry, said: "I think it is difficult to see just how such a proposal could be made compatible with the board's statutory obligations".

Referring to remarks made by Mr Peter Heathfield, the NUM general secretary, earlier on the same programme, Mr Tebbit said: "Mr Heathfield does seem to have changed the position of the NUM in that he seemed willing to accept that there would be closures of uneconomic pits through some machinery or other.

Mr Heathfield said later: "We would obviously not be willing to sign an agreement that gave the employer authority to close pits ad infinitum."

'Shambles' if councils abolished

Abolition of seven large councils will encourage regional offices of ministries to usurp their powers, a research report claims. The strategic decisions of the seven councils will be delayed by squabbling among smaller authorities that are supposed to take over their tasks, it adds.

The report, from the Institute of Local Government Studies at Birmingham University, was commissioned by the six metropolitan county councils that ministers want to abolish in 18 months' time.

Greater Manchester, West Midlands, Tyne and Wear, Merseyside, and South and West Yorkshire, say in a joint statement that abolition will produce a shambles instead of the streamlining claimed by ministers.

The Government wants to scrap them at the same time as the Greater London Council. The councils intend to issue the statement and report during the Conservative conference this week.

Mr Norman Flynn and Mr Steven Leach, who compiled the report, say that the replacement authorities are likely to be "bogged down" by local rivalries and dominated by officials, instead of elected councillors.

Ronan Point report 'altered by official'

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it came from; it omitted to say why in America this type of construction had been banned above six storeys; and it omitted to cross-examine the engineer who designed Ronan Point".

More time was devoted to the cause of the explosion than to the implications for the building industry.

It would appear that a paragraph written by Sir Alfred was deleted by a Ministry of Housing official. But a revised version handwritten in the margin of this copy of the draft never appeared in the final report as published.

According to Mr Webb, the part of Sir Alfred's evidence which was deleted in a broad-nibbed pen with purple ink read: "However, in popular terms to make walls strong enough to resist 60lbs per sq ft is only to make them about as strong as the glass in a good window".

After this was deleted, Sir Alfred is alleged to have written in the margin as an alternative: "However, it would seem to us, very unfortunate if in a wind liable to break many glass windows (those at Ronan Point have been found by test to break at 16lb per sq ft) the inhabitants of Ronan Point should have to worry also about structural stability."

That does not appear in the report.

Last night Mr Webb's allegations were given to Sir Alfred over the telephone. He did not challenge any of them, but declined to comment further.

It is likely that tomorrow night's council meeting will decide that Ronan Point should be demolished, probably by dismantling it so that the extent of its defects can be studied.

The Government's National Building Agency, now disbanded, guaranteed for 60 years the life of tower blocks built with industrialized building systems.

In his preliminary report to Newham Council, Mr Webb claims that Ronan Point never complied with the British Standard Code of Practice CP3 Chapter 4, Part V, on means of escape in case of fire, and still does not.

He said yesterday that he feared "a bolted up, Frankenstein's monster of construction" might collapse because of official complacency over the faults which have been proved to exist in Ronan Point and similar blocks.

Miners in praise of Soviet life

From Richard Owen
Moscow

The Soviet press has quoted several of the striking miners now on holiday in the Soviet Union as praising the Soviet system and thanking Moscow for its support during the strike. The miners, mostly from Yorkshire, said police and judicial impartiality in Britain was a myth.

Komsomolskaya Pravda yesterday carried an interview with Mr Thomas Appleyard, a Yorkshire miner, at Pitsunda on the Black Sea. Last week, a group of 150 miners and their families flew to Pitsunda for a two-and-a-half-week holiday at the Russians expense.

Mr Appleyard and his wife, Mary, who have been to Russia before, told *Komsomolskaya Pravda* they were enraptured by the Soviet Union.

The paper quoted Mr and Mrs Appleyard as saying the contrast between Russia and Yorkshire was difficult to grasp: "It is such happiness to be here after what we've been through there."

The group leaders, Mr Derek Reeves and Mr John Thompson, told the paper that their illusions of police and court impartiality had been shattered by the strike.

- Fed up with being assaulted and having his car damaged, a working miner, Mr Brian Stokes, aged 29, of Stoke-on-Trent, plans to break his union's overtime ban this week as a protest.

- Conservative MPs have criticized a decision to send harvest festival gifts to striking miners and their families. Mr John Wells, MP for Maidstone, Kent, said: "It would be a misappropriation of people's offerings".

Scargill 'must obey courts'

By Our Political Correspondent

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, predicted yesterday that Mr Arthur Scargill and the National Union of Mineworkers would be brought to heel by the High Court.

He said in a BBC radio interview on *The World The Weekend*: "Ultimately, a court order has to be obeyed". He added: "The judges, in my view, will ensure that the proper orders of the court are observed".

Sir Michael emphasised that Wednesday's resumed contempt proceedings, adjourned by Mr Justice Nicholls last Wednesday so that Mr Scargill could reconsider his defiance of the court, had nothing to do with either Conservative legislation or with Mr MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal Board.

He said: "It is two Yorkshire miners saying that their union is breaking the rules".

The Government would have to stand on the sidelines because contempt proceeding were entirely out of minister's hands. But Sir Michael said that the judge had a number of options open to him.

"It may well be that the first course will be a very substantial fine, and then there may be sequestration."

He was then asked if imprisonment might be the next step. He said: "If continuing contempt, much broadcast and much advertised is maintained it may well be that he will have to take that course."

- Mr Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough, yesterday accused Sir Michael of flouting his own rules of subjudice and trying to influence the judge (the Press Association reports).

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Scottish left advances

The Labour left is set to make impressive gains in Scotland when MPs come up for reselection in December. The advance will be largely bloodless as party stalwarts follow the example of Mr Gregor Mackenzie, MP for Rotherglen, and retire from politics.

Mr James White, who won Glasgow Pollok for Labour in 1970, said yesterday that he was standing down

Other eminent Labour members in Scotland who have been facing increasing opposition from the left and are likely to stand down are Mr Hugh Brown in Glasgow Provan; Mr William Hamilton in Fife Central; and Mr Harry Gourlay of Kircaldy.

Mr Ian Campbell, who has held Dumbarton since 1970 could stand again as an independent

British Rail to start excursions with a 'Roast Beef Special'



British Rail is planning to bring back from next month the excursion trains made hugely popular by the old railway companies in the 1930s such as the nine-train excursion to Blackpool organized for Bass workers in 1896 by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (our Transport Editor writes).

The excursion began in Burton-on-Trent and the photograph shows the trains waiting at Blackpool Central Station.

The first is likely to be a Sunday "Roast Beef Special" from London to East Anglia and back for up to 400 people at £15 to £20 each.

The special train, including some refurbished Pullman coaches, will pull out of King's Cross at about 9.30am for Cambridge and Norwich, where it will stop for about three hours.

The Sunday lunch of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, followed by apple pie and cream, will be served during the journey. Afternoon tea will also be served.

In December a Sunday lunch trip to York is planned, with carol-singing at York Minster

Other possible destinations are Ely, Lincoln, and Harrogate. Weekend trips to Scotland are planned for the new year. These will cost about £45 each, including dinner and hotel on Saturday night, and a tour of the west Highlands.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

City orders teachers to disclose and register affiliation to Freemasons

Teachers in Leeds have been instructed by the Labour-led city council to disclose their membership of the Freemasons.

Mr Stuart Johnson, director of education, had written to 300 head teachers, informing them that school employees must state their affiliation to the clandestine society on a register to be kept at the town hall.

Leeds is the first council to have made such a move. It is insisting that its 12,000 employees, 8,000 of whom work in education, 6,500 of them in schools, declare membership of the masons.

Other authorities have recently adopted measures forcing masons who hold council positions to declare their affiliation. Those have been Labour and Liberal initiatives.

Controversy about the movement has mouned since the publication of Stephen Knight's book, *The Brotherhood*. It claims that Freemasons exert behind-the-scenes influence in the law, local government, and the police, and that they favour each other for appointments, promotions, and the awarding of contracts.

In the wake of the book, the Metropolitan Police has warned officers that membership of the masons may be incompatible with police duties.

Leeds council has passed a resolution stating that "in the interests of free and open government any member of the freemasons is obliged to declare an interest". It has also instructed chief officers to establish an employees' register of interests.

Mr Geoff Driver, chairman of the education committee, said that because freemasons appeared to prefer one another for promotions, their philosophy was at odds with the council's equal opportunities policy.

"We believe that at a time of job shortages every post that is available must be open to everybody. If the perosn interviewing or being interviewed is a freemason that may be material to whether fair choices are being made," he said.

Mr Driver said that the issue was particularly crucial in education because so many of the council's employees work in schools. But other council employees, in housing, public works, environmental health, social services, the industry department and leisure services, are also being requested to fill in the register.

Mr David Selby, a Liberal councillor, said: "Although I support the resolution and believe council members and officers should declare if they are Freemasons, I cannot see that it is relevant whether a school caretaker is a Freemason or not".

The resolution was approved by 68 Labour and Liberal members, with 28 Conservatives against it.

Last night, a spokesman for the Freemasons denied that members of the fraternity favoured one another for appointments or promotions. "The whole thing is a lot of rubbish", he said.

"A mason is told he should obey the law of the land and that he should not under any circumstances use his membership to his own advantage, or to the advantage of a fellow mason. That is a rule and anybody who breaks it is in trouble."



The generation of speed: The daughter and grand daughter of former world speed record holders, Donald and Sir Malcolm Campbell, yesterday displayed the boat she hopes will make her the fastest woman on water and clutched two mascot teddy bears, one of which was in her father's boat when he crashed.

On the banks of The Serpentine in Hyde Park, Miss Gina Campbell, aged 34, said: "I am a Campbell. I want to follow in the footsteps of my father and grandfather before me. As far as I am concerned the women's world water speed record is already broken."

Her record attempt will take place in Agfa Bluebird II on Windermere some time next week, the actual day depending on the weather. Her grandfather, Sir Malcolm, and his Bluebird (above, left) set a world record in 1937. Her father, Donald (above, right), broke it again in 1955. He was killed in 1967 making another attempt.

Miss Campbell hopes to achieve a speed of 130mph. An existing record stands at 116mph.

Rossiter's death points to risk of ex ercise

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

Can an obsession with fitness kill you? The question comes up again with the death of Mr Leonard Rossiter, aged 57, who collapsed at the Lyric Theatre in London on Friday.

He is not the first person this year to die suddenly despite setting great store on regular exercise and attention to health care.

The recent death of the author Mr Jim Fixx, who popularized jogging, while out exercising has led doctors to emphasize that there are risks associated with vigorous activity.

An answer to the question whether exercise is a provocation of or a protection against heart attacks is contained in the latest issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

It is the first study which appears to resolve the apparent contradiction about whether exercise can prevent and cause coronary attacks.

The research involved studying the medical records and interviewing the widows of victims of attacks. The patients had their coronaries either during exercise or in the intervening period between habitual or occasional bouts of intensive effort.

The activities regarded as highly energetic include jogging, swimming, playing singles tennis, squash, and chopping wood.

The conclusion by the roupworking with Dr David Sicovick was from an American inquiry covering a 14-month period for the population of Seattle. Their results show:

- The risk of an attack during intense exercise increases by a factor of five.
- The risk of an attack increases by 56 times for people who indulge in occasional energetic bouts.
- But among habitually vigorous men, the overall risks of a heart attack was only 40 per cent that of sedentary men.

Rossiter replacement

Dinsdale Landen will take over Leonard Rossiter's part in *Loot* at the Lyric Theatre, London, later this month. John *Channell-Mills*, Mr Rossiter's understudy, who stepped in when he died from a heart attack on Friday night will continue to play the role of Insp Truscott until October 18, the theatre announced last night.

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Cancer test could save thousands of women

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The lives of more than 1,000 women a year could be saved by the introduction of a proper screening programme for cancer of the cervix, according to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Britain's existing screening programme widely acknowledged to have failed badly with more than 2,000 deaths a year and the number of cases rising.

The national scheme for recalling women for regualar smear tests has been scrapped, but the computerization of family practitioner committee's lists over the next decade offers the opportunity of setting up a proper system, the fund's committee on cervical screening says.

The present policy that women in the age-range at risk should be screened every five years is fine, the committee says. The problem is that most of the three million tests each year are carried out on women who are pregnant or seeking contraception and are below 35, while women aged 40 and over, who are most at risk, account for few tests.

In addition, the five-year gap means women forget to go for further smears.

Computerization of the family practitioner committees' lists would allow identification of women in the right age groups and automatically call-up, offering them a choice of appointments for a test.

Dr Jack Cuzick, secretary of the fund's working party, said: "I think if every sexually active women between 35 and 65 were screened every five years, the chance of dying of cervical cancer would be cut by at least half".

In 1982, a total of 2,121 women died of cervical cancer, 90 per cent of them aged over 40. But well organized screening programmes in countries such as Iceland, Finland, and Sweden have halved the number that develop cancer.

With the exception of stopping the population smoking, screening for cervical cancer "offers the only major proved public health measure for significantly reducing the burden of cancer today", the committee says.

Computerizing each family practitioner committee is likely to cost about £100,000 in hardware, £60,000 to £70,000 in start-up costs, and £15,000 to £17,000 a year to run, it is estimated.

Appeal for firework restrictions

The National Campaign for Firework Reform is calling for more stringent laws to reduce the number of injuries to children on Guy Fawkes night.

It accuses the Government of being uninterested in the problems and the fireworks industry of being too profit-motivated, and blames the increase in serious injuries from 100 in 1982 to 208 last year on the ease with which children can buy fireworks.

The pressure group maintains that laws should be as strict as those of other European countries, where firework accidents have been greatly reduced, or even eradicated.

It wants the Explosives (Age of Purchase Etc) Act, 1976, to be updated to raise the minimum age for buying fireworks from 16 to 18. It also wants the licence fee for shopkeepers selling fireworks to be increased from £5.

The campaign group particularly wants the "banger" to be phased out.

Police hunt attacker of IBM man

By Michael Horsnell

Detectives hunting the attacker of an *IBM* executive, who was left critically injured in the grounds of his home in Hayling Island, Hampshire, on Friday night, were trying yesterday to trace his movements in the two hours before the assault.

Mr Michael Robertson, aged 41, who suffered serious head injuries, was in the intensive care unit at Southampton General Hospital after being found by his Greek wife, Yiani.

Police officers, led by Det Chief Supt John Wright, head of Hampshire CID, believe that Mr Robertson, father of two and head of the property management services section of IBM, may have been attacked elsewhere.

They believe he may have visited public houses on the seafront of Hayling Island after telling his wife that he was going out to collect a takeaway meal. An appeal has been made for witnesses to make contact with an incident room set up at the local police station.

BBC rejects idea of taking adverts

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Mr Alasdair Milne, the director-general of the BBC, yesterday rejected the concept that the corporation should be partly funded by advertising, and said that a change in the licence fee system could easily destroy Britain's delicately balanced broadcasting system.

The BBC is about to start its negotiations with the government about the size of the next licence fee, and to coincide with that there has been growing pressure from some quarters for the introduction of a form of commercialism.

Mr Milne will respond to the licence fee critics in this week's issue of the trade magazine *Marketing Week*. He will specifically reply to the suggestion by the advertising agency D'Arcy MacManus Masius, made in the same publication two weeks ago, that the licence fee could be pegged at today's £46 if the BBC carried a small amount of advertising.

Mr Milne said yesterday that the BBC had looked at the question of carrying advertisements. He added that if the corporation competed for advertising with independent television, the provincial press would probably be delivered a fatal blow.

He said that the agency's suggestion of a partial introduction of advertising was ingenious but foundered for fundamental reasons.

"When it comes to advertising and programme standards, the evidence of one's own eyes shows, in every commercial system in the world, what competing for the same source of funding leads to."

Yard anxious over Intoximeter ruling

By a Staff Reporter

The controversial device for testing motorists who are suspected of driving while above the alcohol limit, the Intoximeter 3000 breath test machine, faces its most crucial test with a court ruling tomorrow.

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, will be asked to rule in the divisional court of the Queen's Bench Division on an appeal case brought by Scotland Yard which, if lost, could result in appeals by 83,000 drivers convicted on the machine's evidence.

Lord Lane has to decide whether the former Home Secretary, now Lord Whitelaw, had the power to introduce the Intoximeter as a device that could be used in evidence during a drink-driving prosecution.

The accuracy of the Intoximeter has been questioned, and the Home Office has ruled that all drivers who are found by the Intoximeter to be over the limit may elect to take a blood or urine test.

That option was due to end this month, but it has been extended until the new year. During that time it will be monitored by the Forensic Science Service

Tomorrow's appeal case concerns the legality of the machine's introduction, not the device's accuracy. It stems from the dismissal by a stipendiary magistrate at Wells Street Court, London, of the case against Miss Maureen Harrigan, aged 20, who was charged with failing to provide a breath specimen.

New cross-Channel route to Normandy

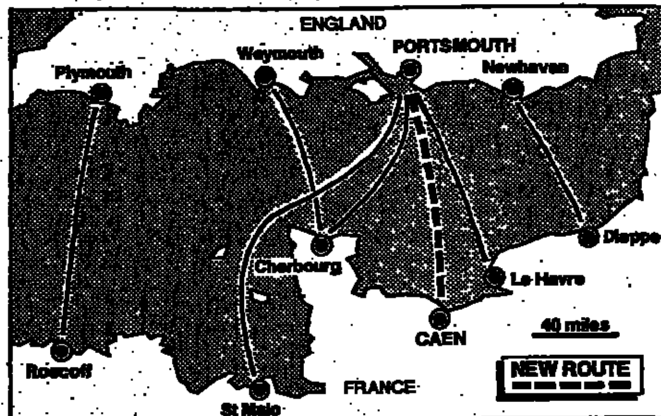
The first new cross-channel ferry route for some years will open between Portsmouth and Caen, on the north Normandy coast, in 18 months' time, it was *announced yesterday*.

It will be operated by France's Brittany Ferries, which already runs between Portsmouth and St Malo, and Plymouth and Roscoff.

It plans to operate six sailings a day on a route, running roughly parallel to the present Portsmouth-Le Havre route of P & O and Townsend Thoresen, that will give good access to Paris and the South of France to holidaymakers from West London, the Midlands, and the West Country. The crossing is expected to take five to six hours.

Brittany Ferries was started by farmers' co-operatives in *Brittany to get their* cauliflowers, artichokes, onions, and garlic to the British market, but quickly developed successful passenger services in the Western Channel during the 1970s.

Mr Ian Carruthers, UK director of the company, said yesterday that the new route, which had the backing of France's Minister of the Sea, would open up the full potential of Normandy to the British holidaymaker, as well as Paris and places farther south.



New and old ferry crossings between England and France.

Melbury, son of Lymeswold

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

A new soft cheese, Melbury, *will be launched today by Dairy* Crest, the manufacuturing subsidiary of the Milk Marketing Board.

Neither Melbury nor the company's Clover Spread, which went on sale last week, have attracted the publicity which surrounded the launch of the equally fictitiously named Lymeswold cheese two years ago.

That is partly because Melbury and Clover have been extensively test-marketed, in the South of England and the Midlands respectively, and partly because Lymeswold's debut happened to coincide with a day when little else was happening.

The new brands are part of a campaign to reverse the continuing decline in the consumption of dairy produce.

This year's abrupt imposition of milk quotas by the European Commission in an attempt to curb over-production has so far failed to diminish the shadows of the mountains of butter, cheese, and skimmed milk powders in Europe and the United States.

Sunday trading campaign intensifies

The issue of whether shops should be allowed to open on Sundays has resurfaced after it was disclosed last week that a Home Office committee of inquiry will soon recommend that the Sunday trading rules should be abolished.

An opiniion poll commissioned by the National Consumer Council also showed that 69 per cent of people wanted shops to be allowed to open on Sunday.

But there is considerable confusion among the public about which shops are already allowed to trade, and which are not.

The law regulates the types of goods which may be sold, not the type of shops which may open. Maurice Healy, the National Consumer Council's assistant director, says: "Broadly speaking, on Sundays you can sell newspapers, magazines, and fresh food. Anything else is not legal. But over the years people have got away with selling all sorts of things".

The legislation dates back to 1893. Schedule 5 of the Shops Act, 1950 sets out the purpose for which shops may open on a Sunday. They are for the sale of food and drinks for immediate consumption: confectionary; medicines; tobacco; aircraft, motor, or cycle supplies or accessories; newspapers, periodicals, and magazines; sundry items concerned with specific activities; post office business; and funeral undertaking.

The Trustee Savings Bank said "Yes" to hundreds of customers yesterday when it became the first bank in Britain to open for business on a Sunday. The bank's branch at new Cameron Toll shopping centre in Edinburgh is providing a full service, including the opportunity to discuss loans

That shows that newsagents for instance, can open to sell sweets and newspapers, but not stationery. Or grocers can sell fresh tomatoes, but not canned ones. It is usually up to the local authority to take criminal proceedings if the law is broken. The maximum penalty is £1,000. But £50 seems to be the average.

If that fails to deter, an injunction can be taken from the civil courts, to prevent breaches of the Act. If an injunction is broken it is contempt of court and the fine can be much higher. There are important exceptions to the law: It does not cover Scotland, where there are no restrictions on Sunday opening, except for hairdressers.

It prohibits the sale of fish and chips, but not other takeaway foods. That is because in 1950 there were not other common kinds of takeaway food.

Jewish traders may open on a Sunday until 2 pm provided they close on Saturday, their Sabbath. It is a common misapprehension that Muslim shopkeepers, whose day of rest is Friday, are specifically exempted by the legislation. They are not.

Shops in holiday resorts are allowed to sell a wider range of goods, but are still seriously restricted. "You can go into a shop and buy a souvenir T-shirt saying 'A present from Margate' but not one with bugs bunny on it", Mr Healy says. The shop must be in an area classified as a resort, and can open for no more than 18 Sundays a year.

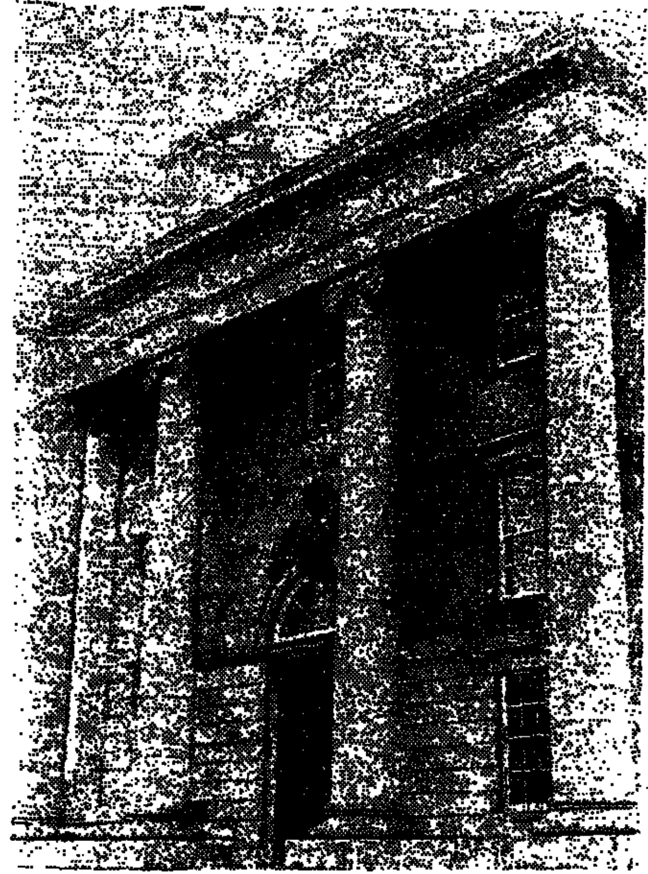
Neither the National Consumer Council nor the Home Office can put a figure on the number of shops breaking the law, nor how many prosecutions there have been. But the main offenders are do-it-yourself and furniture shops and small grocers.

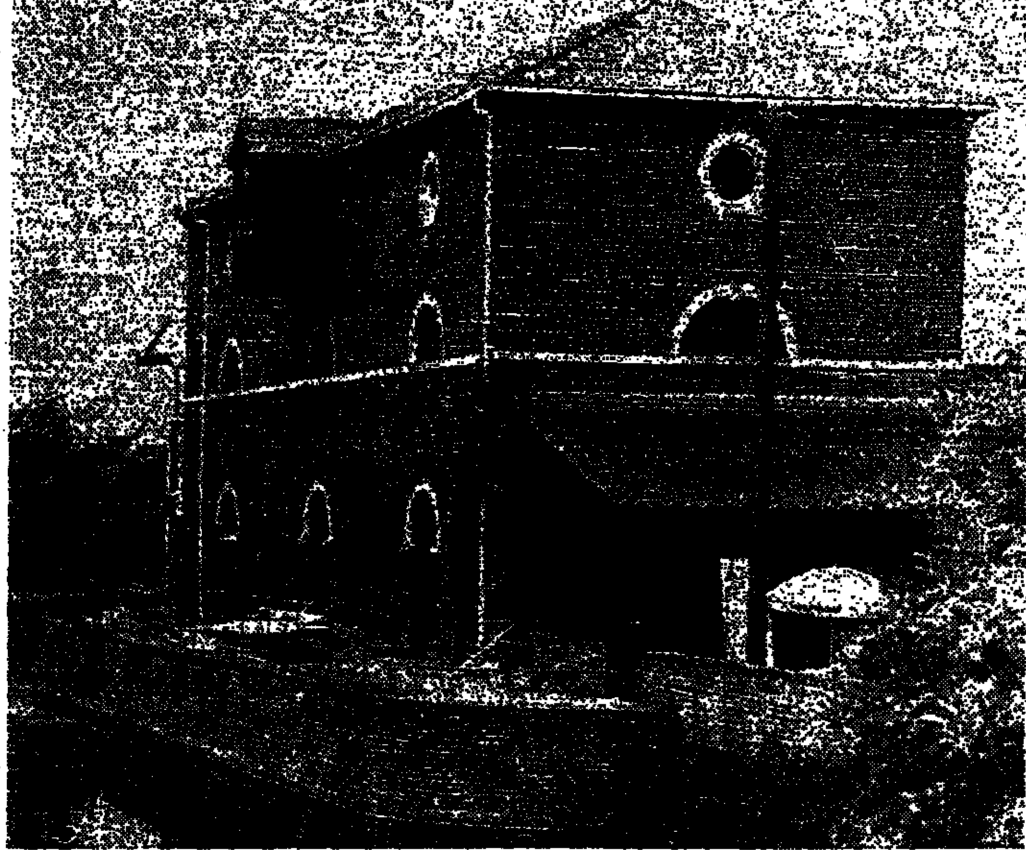
Sir Terence Conran, who *owns Habitat, says three of his* shops in England have been opening on Sundays for the past two or three years. They are at Canterbury, Taplow in Buckinghamshire and Wallingford in Oxfordshire. Last year the King's Road, London, branch opened for three Sundays before Christmas.

"We had a prosecution in Wallingford and a small fine of about £50 ", Sir Terence says. "The local authority expressed its regrets. It said it had been forced ot prosecute us, although it did not want to, because it had had complaints."

Sir Terence is a member of a pressure group called Open Shop, which also includes W.H. Smith, Asda Supermarkers, and Woolworth (which opens one of its London branches on Sundays). Sir Terence says: "I very much hope that the Home Office inquiry is going to recommend a total liberalization. You can do literally anything on sunday except open shops.

"If the report is positive, those who want to open will open, before the law is repealed", he predicts.





Prizewinners: Curzon Street station community project, Birmingham, and Quay Theatre warehouse conversion, Sudbury

Conservation awards for station and warehouse

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Birmingham's first passenger railway station and a quayside warehouse at Sudbury, Suffolk, have won the main national awards in the 1984 Conservation Scheme, sponsored by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and *The Times*.

The awards, for outstanding conservation of an industrial, commercial, or professional category, went to Wallis's Mill, Brigstock, Northamptonshire, and the Britannia Hotel, Manchester. In the recreational or educational category they went to Eling Tide Mill, Totton, near Southampton, and the Mill at Sonning, near Reading, Berkshire.

Apart from the six main awards and 13 commendations, a special award was given to Winestead Works near Hull, a successful small business enterprise.

Mr George Townsend, president of the institutions, and Mr Charles Douglas-Home, editor of *The Times*, said that the winners showed the flexibility of old industrial buildings, which should provide a spur to a more imaginative approach. The quayside buildings had been converted to a high quality but with an eye on cost and local participation.

The added that the general standard of entries had been disappointing, perhaps because of the demolition of too many industrial buildings from earlier epochs.

Curzon Street station, Birmingham, now houses a flourishing community of self-help projects. Designed by Philip Hardwick, who also designed the Doric arch at Euston station, demolished amid controversy, it was build in 1838 as the original terminus of the London to Birmingham railway.

Task Undertakings, which converted the building, was praised for the sensitive restoration, which received grants from the Manpower Services Commission and The Prince's Trust. The judges said that it was a monument to Birmingham, the railway age, Victorian self-confidence, and the architecture of the day.

The Quay Theatre, Sudbury, is a successful small theatre and arts enterprise. An eighteenth-century granary and warehouse was converted by the Quay Theatre Development Trust.

The judges said that it was "a good building, admirably converted and restored and a heart-warming example of community effort and participation. We have rarely seen a case of so much money being raised by so few, to such a good effect."

There were 75 entries.

Thirty injured in clashes as Basques defy Madrid ban on protest

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

At least 30 people were injured during clashes in the centre of Bilbao on Saturday night between Basque nationalists and Spanish police. A dozen people were arrested.

The disturbances, which lasted for more than four hours, showed that feelings still run high among sympathizers of ETA, the Basque separatist organization, 10 days after France handed over three of its suspected members to stand trial in Madrid in connexion with the killing of nine police in the region several years ago.

The three ETA men, being held in Madrid's prison hospital, have made their first statements to an investigating magistrate and denied responsibility for the killings.

Saturday's violence started after several hundred demonstrators sought to defy a Madrid ban on a public protest in the Basque region's chief city against the extraditions.

The crowd threw bottles and stones at the police, who cleared main throughfares by making repeated baton charges and firing smoke grenades and rubber bullets. The demonstrators retreated down sidestreets, shouting slogans like "Extradition – no, no, no" or insults at the Gronzlez government and *Vivas* for ETA.

Policemen were among those injured, but witnesses also reported seeing a pregnant woman coming out of a chemist's shop and an old woman trying to shelter in a dooway, being hit indiscriminately by police.

Señor Txomin Ziluaga, a Bilbao councillor and member of the executive of the People's Unity Coalition, which called the demonstration, was also among those attacked. He lost consciousness, and hospital doctors said he had a head wound.

Madrid banned the demonstration on the ground that the People's Unity Coalition is not included among Spain's registerd political parties. This is because the Interior Ministry judges it adopts an "ambiguous" attitude to the Spanish constitution, especially over the status of the Basque country.

The central Government is fighting a protracted battle in the courts to get the party banned and last week returned to the attack with a new appeal after a Madrid court had declined to find in favour of the Government.

Driving the People's Unity Coalition underground – it got about 15 per cent of the vote in a series of Basque elections – has been widely criticized even by its opponents as a counter-productive move and was not Socialist policy in the past.

The organizers of the Bilbao protest said the ban was the first time Madrid had given such reasons for forbidding one of their demonstrations.

The severity of the police reaction hardly came as a surprise after Señor José Barrionuevo, the Interior Minister, said in Parliament on Friday that "maximum firmness" would be used by the Government in its fight against terrorism.

But his critics replied that he was confusing ETA and the political forces which sympathize with the organization.

Señor Barrionuevo went on to attack Señor Carlos Garaicoechea, the Basque Chief Minister, who has always argued that police measures must be accompanied by political steps to solve the Basque problem. Señor Barrionuevo said the greatest number of ETA killings had occurred since the Chief Minister took office.

This attack was followed up by the leader of the Socialist Party in the Basque region, who yesterday said in a newspaper interview that it would be "a positive thing" for the region if the Chief Minister resigned.

Consumer council 'No' to more parent governors

By Colin Hughes

Two in three parents are unware that they are repesented by parent-governors at their children's schools, according to a survey by the Welsh Consumer Council to be published later this year.

The council is relasing some of its findings today to underline its submission to the Government that there should be "major changes in the way schools are governed". It rejects, however, the Government's proposals to give parents a majority of places on school bodies.

Four hundred parents with children at seven scondary schools were interviewed. One in four did not know that their school had a governing body at all. In one school, the proportion knowing of the body was only six per cent.

Although all the schools had parent-governors, 80 per cent of parents from two of the schools did not know they were represented. At another school, 95 per cent of the parents could not name their parent-governor, and in all seven schools only one in five parents were able to identify any of their representatives.

"More information and publicity aimed at increasing parents' awareness is crucial if they are to play an effective part in electing parent governors". Mrs Shelagh Salter, the council's chairman, said. The Governmant's plan to create a majority of parent-governors would be useless in giving parents are better informed".

Parents in professional and managerial jobs were more than twice as likely to know about parent-governors, suggesting that elections should be designed to ensure that a cross-section of backgrounds was represented, she added. In the meantime, parents, teachers, local authorities and local communtiy should have an equal say.

The survey also showed that, even where parent-governors were elected by parents, more than half the parents did not know of their existence. The idea that involving parents in elections would foster wider interest in and knowledge of school government is put in doubt by the council's findings.

Licences to shoot geese may end

From David Black

The Government is to consider whether licences to shoot rare barnacle geese will be issued again this year to farmers on the island of Islay, after representations from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

About 15,000 of the geese, which are protected under the Wild Life and Countryside Act, 1981, and various Common Market directives migrate every October from Greenland to winter on Islay.

However, the birds cause extensive damage to sheep and cattle winter grazing and, during the past two years, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Scotland, has issued between 50 and 60 licences which resulted in the shooting of almost 2,000 geese.

Press chief fights tax on papers

The Government was warned yesterday that the imposition of value-added tax on newspapers would reduce the free flow of information. The warning came from Mr Vernon Addison, editorial director of the *Evening News and Star*, Carlisle, and the weekly *Cumberland News*.

Speaking at his inauguration as president of the Guild of British Newspaper Editors, at the guild's annual meeting in Croydon, south London, he said any such move would put the clock back almost 150 years.

"It is ironic that the Newspaper Society, the proprietors' organization, was formed in 1836 to rid the country of tax on newspapers. Now we are facing it again", Mr Addison said.

"Tax on news is a tax on knowledge.

Firing squad threat to A-test men

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

The Royal Commission into British nuclear tests in Australia moves to Brisbane today after a week in Sydney which ended up being a procession of witnesses accusing Britain of negligence and a cover-up.

The highlight of last week's hearing was the allegation on Wednesday by a former Army lance-corporal who told the inquiry that 200 British and Australian servicement were threatened with court-martial and the possibility of a firing squad if they recounted an incident in which an Aboriginal family wandered into the Marcoo nuclear bomb testing site at Maralinga in the outback of South Australia.

Mr John Hutton told the commission that on one morning in May, 1956, while he was putting on protective clothing in a caravan before going out into a "dirty" area around the Marcoo site to help scientists, he saw an Aboriginal man, aged about 20, through the window of the caravan standing in the contaminated area. This was about seven months after a nuclear bomb had been tested there.

Mr Hutton said the Aborigine, his wife and two naked children had camped in the Marcoo bomb crater for a couple of days.

Mr Hutton's allegations came after the Maralinga and Monte Bello Atomic Ex-Servicemen's Association, in a preliminary submission to the commission on Tuesday, said that gross negligence by those conducting the Maralinga, Monte Bello and Emu tests had resulted in the deaths and serious illness of many of the participants.

The association said that personnel who watched the tests at Emu and Maralinga were as close as one and a half miles away from the actual point of the explosion but none wore protective clothing nor were monitored for any resulting contamination.

The submission was reinforced on Thursday when the commission was shown films which showed servicemen working in areas contaminated with radiation or on contaminated equipment without wearing full protective clothing.

European notebook

Greens poison the EEC atmosphere

How sing you one song
Greens grow, the bushes go.
Pollution is my first song.

The ever-growing Green movement in West Germany has succeeded not only in gaining votes but in poisoning the delicate political atmosphere of the Common Market. An old folk song could well be adapted for their use when pollution, in the form of acid rain and car exhaust fumes, is killing the forests of Europe and is politically worrying in West Germany.

According to European Commission figures, some 30 per cent of West German forests are dying. According to recent electins in North Rhine-Westphalia, 9.2 per cent of its population are now voting Green.

How sing you two song . . .
lead in petrol is my second song.

Lead in petrol does poison the atmosphere and can be controlled by legislation – unlike acid rain, which crosses frontiers without the need of passports or customs duties. The West German Government has therefore decided to go it alone in introducing legislation to force the use of lead-free petrol, which, it hopes, will save the forests from dying and the votes from turning Green.

The legislation, which has still to be voted, would mean that all new cars registered in West Germany after January 1, 1989 would have to run only on lead-free petrol. The restriction would come in a year earlier for cars of more that two litres in capacity.

As an incentive, tax on lead-free petrol would be cut from July next year and there would be a road-tax exemption for up to 10 years (or catalyser).

How sing you three song . . .
catalyser is my third song.

The catalyser is an expensive device, fitted to the exhaust of a car, and well tested in the United States. It removes impurities from the exhaust gases of cars running on lead-free petrol. Under the proposed West German legislation all cars would either have to have them or pay the consequences in an expensive way.

Catalysers, however, only work on well-tuned engines. Because they are under the car they rust, and because they are delicate they tend to go wrong if the car runs at high speed (motorways without speed limits are a political necessity in West Germany), catalysers also add up to 10 per cent to the price of a car.

How sing you four song . . .
Lead-burn is my fourth song.

Lead-burn engines are still being developed, and should be ready in about a decade. They represent the new lead-free technology and essentially eat up all the noxious gases produced by an engine.

They will be much cheaper to run and maintain than catalysers.

How sing your five song . .
Common Market is my fifth
(and last) song.

The European Commission wants to allow time for the lead-burn solution. It has put forward a timetable for progressively lowering the permitted amount of lead in petrol from 1989 through to the end of 1995.

In putting forward this timetable the Commission has said that member states can move faster to bring in lower levels on condition that they do not restrict the sale or use of leaded-petrol vehicles.

This condition is imposed because to do otherwise would break Community rules which make it illegal to impose national standards unilaterally. The West German proposals would clearly do this.

The Commission and all member states – none more so than Britain – want a lead-free Europe. But they also say they believe in a Common Market where goods can travel across frontiers with no more difficulty than pollution. If West Germany is allowed to go alone it will set an awkward precedent for a non-Common Market.

The battle will be joined in Luxembourg tomorrow, when the question is due to be raised during an "internal market council", which aims at tearing down non-tariff frontiers. The plan is to go on sniping at the West German idea through subsequent industrial and environment councils, until it withers and dies like a leaden tree.

Ian Murray

Asbestos critics demand inquiry on builders' deaths

By Tony Samstag

A pressure group today is to demand an inquiry by Glasgow District Council into early deaths among building workers who worked on the Red Road flats development in the 1960s. Scientists at Dundee University reported in 1967 that acceptable levels of asbestos at the site had been "grossly exceeded".

Clydeside Action on Asbestos, noting that a fatal accident inquiry last month confirmed that Mr Ron Hill, a joiner who had worked on the site, had died from asbestosis and mesothlioma, say it is acting on behalf of more than 40 of the surviving Red Road workers, dubbed the "white mice" by their colleagues.

Deaths from mesothelioma, an asbestos-related lung cancer, do not warrant an automatic post-mortem examination and inquest in Scotland as they do in England and Wales.

Despite the sharp decline in the use of asbestos since 1973, British deaths from asbestos-related diseases have continued to rise, more than doubling by 1982, the National Society for Clean Air was told at a meeting in Brighton last week.

Pensioners get £2 travel

British Rail has announced that from November 1 to 29, holders of senior citizens' railcards will be able to make a single journey anywhere in the country for £2. The offer will be available from Monday to Thursday after 9.30 am and all day on Saturday.

The pensioners will also be able to buy day return tickets, also for £2, in London and the South-East, Scotland, Wales and Cornwall and most of Devon.

Ecology stays

A proposal by the Ecology Party to change its name to the Green Party was rejected at its conference in Southport, Merseyside, at the weekend.

Confusion over benefit

Govenment plans to cut public sector manpower by the introduction of housing benefit appear to have failed, according to a report by SHAC, the London Housing Aid Centre.

The overwhelming majority of local authorities are still facing serious difficulties with the scheme, SHAC said yeaterday, as it published the results of a survey of more than 50 local authorities.

All but one were still facing difficulty running the scheme more than a year after its intoduction, and all but three wanted changes made

Historic house

The three-bedroom terrace house in Vale View, Tredegar, Gwent, where the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, was born in 1942 is for sale at £16,500.

'Corrupt' councils face inquiry

A public inquiry into malpractices by local authorities, with possible legislation to ensure future integrity, has been demanded by the Conservative-orientated Centre for Policy Studies.

The demand comes in a study entitled *The new corruption* on reported abuses by left-wing Labour councils, timed to coincide with the start of the Conservative Party Conference, which is due to debate the subject this week. The independently-financed centre was founded by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph in 1975.

It accuses the councils of manipulating prodedures to undermine the opposition, causing the politicization of local government officers and a lighthearted attitude to councillors who are also local government employees.

It charges them with spending ratepayers' money to suport trade unions and conduct political propaganda on subjects such as defence, which are outside their competence.

The author, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, a doctor and barrister, said that he and his seven-man team had investigated 24 local councils of which all were Labour-run except Brent, which is now Conservative.

He said that the authorities were flouting not the law but long-standing conventions which had been hitherto observed by all parties. Laws that do exist "are being evaded, against the spirit of legislation enacted by Parliament." There were serious implications for democracy in Britain. It was now necessary that these conventions be enshrined in law, he told a press conference.

Dr Goodson Wickes stressed that there were "some Labour councils which behave perfectly properly," and the majority of the Labour Party, like the Conservatives, SDP and Liberals condemned the abuses.

In Brent, before it became Conservative, standing orders were changed in such a way that the opposition was prevented from submitting any motions for debates on committee reports. The last Labour-led council meeting was disrupted and adjourned, thus postponing the passage of power to the Conservatives for several days.

In Islington, the only opposition councillor was denied information on expeniture by the leader who said "it has become perfectly obvious that you are determined to pass any information you obtain straight on to your party and the press. You are simply using it to fuel the campaign of misinformation and distortion."

Camden Council recently allowed its rat-catcher a third year of paid full-time leave to carry out his duties as a Greater London Councillor. Also in Camden, a councillor was both general manager of a housing association and a member of a housing cooperative which benefited from the council's decision to waive rates on short-life property.

Southwark council gave all its staff one hour off with pay to attend a miners' rally on July 4. It used ratepayers' money to bring miners' families from Kent to Southwark for a dance.



Actress honoured: Miss Sophia Loren greeting the Most Rev John O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, after a Columbus Day dinner at the Waldorf Astoria on Saturday. Miss Loren leads the Columbus Day Parade through New York today.

Thailand and Laos step up border battle

From Neil Kelly
Bangkok

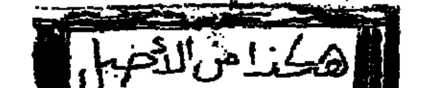
There were more civilian and military casualties as clashes continued between Laotian and Thai forces at their common border according to the Thai Army yesterday.

One woman was killed and three other civilians injured by Laotian artillery firing into three disputed villages. The dispute will be discussed later today by the United Nations Security Council in New York.

Casualties were also reported when Laotian troops intruded briefly into Thailand twice in the past 48 hours.

Thailand blames Vietnam, which supports Laos, for escalating the local dispute into an international problem. Thailand believes UN investment will damage its chance of winning a non-permanent seat on the Security Council.

The three villages have a total population of 1,200 and occupy 13 square miles. Both countries claim them and point to maps to support their cases.



Remaining Durban three ready for long stay if court appeal fails today

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The three South African dissidents sheltering in the British Consulate in Durban could have the detention orders which security police are waiting to serve on them quashed by the Supreme Court today.

Six men, a black and five Indians, all leading anti-apartheid campaigners, took refuge in the consulate on September 13, but three of them left unexpectedly of their own accord on Saturday mainly, it appears, to test the reaction of the police. They were promptly arrested.

The Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court heard an appeal by the six on September 21 against the validity of detention orders which the Minister of Law and Order Mr Louis Le Grange, had issued against them. Judgment is due this morning.

If the verdict is in their favour, the three remaining fugitives could well decide to come out and challenge the authorities to arrest them. If it goes against them, which seems more likely, there is no predicting what their response will be.

Asked by *The Times* what the plans of the three were, Mr Zac Yacoob, the Durban advocate who is their chief spokesman outside the consulate, said "They will stay there indefinitely, subject to daily developments."

British sources last night declined to say whether an unfavourable court verdict would shift the delicate balance of legal and diplomatic arguments that Britain has used to justify its refusal to hand the fugitives over to the police.

Saturday's surprise development occurred at about 11.30am. Using a plan worked out with the three remaining fugitives the previous night, Mr George Sewpersadh and Mr Moorogiah Naidoo, president and vice-president repectively of the Natal Indian Congress, and Mr Mewa Ramgobin, another NIC official, slipped out of the bank building in which the consulate is housed.

Two of them had got into a getaway car driven by Professor Jerry Coovadia, another senior NIC member, when a police warrant officer in plain clothes, who had been watching the building, realized what was happening and arrested them.

He did not have any police identification on him, nor any arrest warrants. But he held the three men until a more senior officer arrived and served detention orders on them under Section 28 of the Internal Security Act.

Mr Ramgobin shouted a few comments to reporters through the bars of the van as he and the others were driven away. He said they had gone to the consulate to draw attention to the "iniquity of the detention-without-trial laws". A statement issued later on their behalf criticized the "absymal failure" of Britain to take the matter up with Pretoria.

It seems the three had hoped to get away unnoticed and rejoin their families and the appear dramatically at a protest rally last night to denounce the security laws.

Those still in the consulate are Mr Archie Gumede, one of three national presidents of the United Democratic Front, which campaigned strongly against the new tri-racial Parliament, and Mr Paul David and Mr Billy Nair, members of the NIC executive.

Troops help to quell rioting

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Police fired rubber bullets at black youths who attacked a patrol in Soweto yesterday and a spokesman said troops were on duty in another township. It was the first public admission during the recent unrest in South Africa of troops being used to quell rioting.

Congress haggles over pork barrel

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

As the ninety-eighth congress stumbles towards adjournment, the scene inside the Capitol building has taken on the appearance of a Middle East bazaar, with legislators wheeling and dealing in an attempt to get their pet projects attached to an omnibus spending Bill which is needed to keep the Government in funds for fiscal 1985.

Such unseemly haggling takes place at the end of every session, but this year it has been worse, with the result that Congress failed to adjourn at the end of last week as scheduled.

Three times last week the House and Senate failed to reach agreement on the nearly $500bn (£400bn) Bill, and on each occasion Congress had to waste precious hours putting the Government on emergency fiscal life-support to see it through the next few hours.

The most recent emergency short-term extension was approved late on Friday, to allow the Government to continue functioning through the Columbus Day holiday weekent. But that measure expires tomorrow after which a further disruption of Government operations may take place, similar to the lay-off of 500,000 civil servants last Thursday, unless agreement on the Bill is reached quickly.

There are several reasons why this year's pre-adjournment scramble has been worse than usual. First, the session has been shortened to allow congressmen to begin campaigning for next month's election.

Second, congressmen, with their eyes fixed firmly on the forthcoming elections, have tried to hang many of their own "pork barrel" projects on the omnibus spending Bill, in the hope that in the last-minute legislative rush they would squeeze through unnoticed.

The biggest "pork barrel" this year has been a long-term authorization Bill for $186bn of water projects. The White House had discouraged new spending on water bills, even to the point of threatening to use its veto, but indicated that it was prepared to compromise if the House gave the President a free hand to continue supporting the rebels in Nicaragua.

The dispute between the Democrat-controlled House and the Republican-controlled Senate over funding for the anti-Sandinista rebels remains one of the main obstacles to agreement on the spending Bill.

Others involve restrictions on Anti-satellite weapons and spending levels for President Reagan's "Star Wars" strategy defence initiative.

However, agreement on the overall level of defence spending ($293bn) has already been approved.

Congressmen from both parties expressed dismay over the failure to reach agreement.



Church militant: Cardinal Sin addressing a congregation of 5,000 before the march.

25,000 in anti-Marcos march

Manila (Reuter, AP) – Philippine business leaders, responding to a call from leading churchmen, joined in a protest by 25,000 marchers yesterday against the rule of President Marcos.

Bankers and students marched together with militant and moderate opposition leaders, carrying anti-Marcos banners and chanting anti-government slogans.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, leader of the 40 million Roman Catholic Filipinos, last week urged businessmen to join non-violent protests in what he called the parliament of the streets to end "repression and authoritarian rule".

Yesterday, celebrating Mass in a packed church before the march, Cardinal Sin told the demonstrators to "remain faithful to ... this sacred shrine of peace, forgiveness and reconciliation".

Police and soldiers, who broke up a similar march two weeks ago with guns, truncheons and tear gas, were absent yesterday.

President Marcos stepped back from a possible confrontation with his opponents by giving them a permit for the march.

Mr Marcos, who is negotiating with foreign creditors for more that £1.5 billion in new loans, ordered troops to stay away from the march. Opponents had said they would march with or without permit.

Cardinal Sin did not join the march, but his call to businessmen came under attack from Mr Marcos, who said on Saturday that he was fanning flames of rebellion and violating the Constitution.

The cardinal dismissed the charges as "astounding", saying he was only performing a moral duty.

Nato raises guard against terrorists

From Our Correspondent, Washington

Nato is stepping up its efforts to thwart possible terrorist attacks against United States missile and other nuclear sites in West Europe, a senior defence official said yesterday.

"Devices are being installed that are responsive to what we think we have learnt about how the sites might be attacked by terrorist groups", the official said at a briefing on matters to be discussed at Nato's nuclear planning group meeting in Stresa, Italy, tomorrow and Wednesday.

He noted that the Soviet Union has a special force, known as Spetsnaz, which is trained for sensitive missions, including the destruction of Nato nuclear weapons. A mock Pershing 2 nuclear missile was available in the Soviet Union for practice by Spetsnaz troops even before the first US Pershing was deployed in West Germany last year.

The upgrading of Western safety measures included both increased physical security and new methods to prevent terrorists from gaining entrance to the weapons sites, called igloos. In some cases guards were going on alerts twice a day and new guard towers had been erected.

Craxi set to rescue beleaguered Andreotti

By Peter Nichols
Rome

The Italian Government is expected to take steps over the next few days to dispel the atmosphere of sudden tension created by the grave attack on Signor Guilio Andreotti, the controversial Foreign Minister.

The attack took the form of a call in a parliamentary debate on Thursday night for Signor Andreotti's resignation over his alleged relations with Michele Sindona, the jailed Sicilian financier who faces further charges of complicity in murder and fraudulent bankruptcy.

Signor Andreotti called the attack a form of written and spoken banditry and said it was a concerted assault on his foreign policy, on his likely candidature for the presidency next year, and on the Christian Democrat Party.

In the event it was only the abstention by the Communists in the final vote that saved Signor Andreotti. Nearly 50 deputies belonging to the coalition parties voted against him.

However, on Friday the Communists performed an astonishing about-face and called for Signor Andreotti's resignation on the ground that on "a moral question of enormous importance" he had had the support of only 199 deputies of the 435 present.

This move was interpreted by some as a total change of mind, tactical or otherwise, overnight, and by others as a difference between Signor Giorgio Napolitano, leader of the parliamentary Communists in the Chamber, and Signor Alessandro Natta, the new party secretary.

Opponents of Signor Andreotti's foreign policy regarded the Communist abstention as an expression of their satisfaction at the elements which others see as too close to Moscow.

Meanwhile, the Social Democrats, who are probably the most inflexible of the five coaltion parties in supporting the United States abroad, called for a meeting with Signor Bettino Craxi, the Prime Minister, to clarify the situation.

Yesterday the Rome newspaper *Il Tempo* published a long article by Signor Andreotti in which he pointed out that as Foreign Minister he rushed through the new treaty under which Sindona was extradited last month from the United States to stand trial in Italy. If the financier was now in the hands of Italian justice, it was thanks to him.

Murders in Sicily seen as warning by Mafia

Rome – Two men were shot dead near Cinisi in Western Sicily in an apparent warning directed at imprisoned Mafia leaders not to talk (Peter Nicholas writes).

The victims were Laonardo Rimi, aged 32, and Calogero Caruso, aged 38. The first-named was a relative of Tano Badalamente, an important Mafia figure now in Spanish custody awaiting extradition to the United States.

There were reports, so far unconfirmed, that his son had been arrested in Brazil and that both father and son were willing to give evidence following the example of Tommaso Buscetta, the first Mafia "Godfather" to offer testimony.

British winner

Jaén, Spain (AP) – The British pianist, William Georges Fong, won the first prize of about £3,700, a gold medal and a contract for a series of concerts in Spain at an international contest hers. Another Briton, Iwan Llewelyn Jones, came fourth.

Students held

Santiago (Reuter) – Ten students were injured and 35 arrested on the second day of a 48-hour protest organized by Chilean opposition groups. Riot police charged into Santiago University and used birdshot, tear gas and truncheons to disperse about 1,000 students.

Duke in Egypt

Luxor (Reuter) – The Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Egypt for a meeting of the International Equestrian Federation of which he is president. The four-day meeting will take place on a cruise boat, sailing up the Nile.

Divorce sought

Los Angeles – Two months after John DeLorean, the car manufacturer, was acquitted of cocaine smuggling charges, his actress wife, Cristina Ferrare, has filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences.

Jakarta arrests

Jakarta – Police have arrested several people suspected of involvement in the bomb attacks that killed two and injured 16 in Jakarta's Chinatown last Thursday.

Honecker sidesteps differences with Moscow

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

The German Democratic Republic celebrated the thirty-five anniversary of its foundation at the weekend with one of the biggest military parades seen in East Berlin, and an offer by Mr Andrei Gromyko, leader of the Soviet delegation, to engage in "open and honest dialogue" with the United States.

Troops, tanks and motorized units of the East German Army paraded past Herr Erich Honecker, the country's 72-year-old leader, and Politburo members from fellow Warsaw Pact countries yesterday morning, while Soviet-made helicopter gunships, some armed with missiles, flew overhead.

Western ambassadors stayed away as the Western allies protested at the Russian presence at the parade, which they regarded as a violation of the four-power status of all Berlin, including the former Soviet sector. The allies said the presence of East German fighters in the joint air safety control zone endangered civilian traffic in Berlin.

The parade included tactical missiles able to reach West Berlin, while goose-stepping soldiers from East German officer training schools marched past the podium to the music of communist songs and old Prussian Army marches.

At a ceremonial meeting in East Berlin on Saturday, Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who is standing in for the ailing President Chernenko, said he had detected little evidence during his meeting with President Reagan last week that the United States was ready for serious talks on arms control.





Power and glory: East German armour in the anniversary parade, and Mr Gromyko with a proud Herr Honecker at the opening ceremony.

He said the Russians would judge American intentions by deeds not words, and only time could tell whether Washington was really ready to make changes in some of its positions.

Mr Gromyko did not use the occasion to show any movement in the Soviet position, and accused Nato of being deaf to Moscow's many suggestions for a freeze on the development of space weapons. He said the deployment of Nato missiles last year had increased the dangers of war in Europe, and it was up to those countries bearing the guilt to remove the weapons.

In a telegram of congratulations to Herr Honecker, published yesterday in *Pravda* the Russians pointedly dwelt on the dangers posed to East Germany by West Germany. The telegram said reactionary imperialist circles, especially in West Germany, had tried everything to disrupt the creation of the republic, and were continuing such attempts today.

The message underlines Moscow's concern about close relations between the two German states, and is a further reminder to Herr Honecker that it will not tolerate the limited attempts East Germany made in the summer to tread an independent path in policies towards the West.

For his part, Herr Honecker, who was obliged to cancel a visit to West Germany because of Soviet pressure, forcefully rejected West German contentions that the German question was still open. He said there were two Sovereign German states, completely independent of each other.

But he spoke out also for a return to détente, and for policies of dialogue, realism and reason. Unlike his Soviet guests, the East German leader laid emphasis on the importance of fruitful talks to limit arms, though he said this was only possible after the removal of Nato weapons.

Both the Russians and East Germans have been at pains to gloss over their recent differences, and Herr Honecker has recently been making anxious protestations of loyalty to Moscow. But the differences clearly remain, as indicated by Moscow's unprecedented rewriting of Herr Honecker's telegraph of congratulation to President Chernenko on the recent award of a medal.

In pointed contrast to the messages from other East European leaders, his words were summarized, not given in full, and Moscow added in *Pravda* phrases about joint Soviet-East German efforts to remove the danger of war started by Imperialism.

The anniversary celebrations come at a difficult time for East Germany in its attempt to give expression to feelings of nationhood. The sudden worsening of relations with Bonn, symbolized by the crisis this weekend over the refugees in the West German Embassy in Prague, has been a political and personal blow to Herr Honecker.

Czech police seal off Bonn's embassy as more seek refuge

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

Czech police sealed off the West German Embassy in Prague at the weekend. Unconfirmed reports said there were now 140 East Germans inside attempting to force a passage to the West.

Officials here and in the embassy refused to comment but *Bild am Sonntag* said yesterday that more East Germans had forced their way through railings and over a metal fence into the back of the embassy.

Since Saturday police have been patrolling the streets around the large baroque building in the centre of Prague, checking identity papers of passers-by and stopping any East Germans getting near the embassy grounds.

Delicate negotiations continued all weekend but Bonn has said that the East Germans are taking a very tough line.

Bonn appealed on Thursday to East Germans not to try to extort visas by occupying West German missions. A statement said Bonn was doing its best to persuade East Berlin to ease emigration through normal exit channels and to allow more travel.

Herr Wolfgang Vogel, the East German lawyer who has handled all sensitive emigration negotiations in the past, is said to be handling the talks, which suggests that Bonn will have to pay a lot of money to secure the free emigation of the East Germans in the embassy.

Dejected Kasparov loses again

From Richard Owen
Moscow

Gary Kasparov, Russia's 21-year-old chess prodigy, has the stark possibility of defeat staring him in the face after a month of play against Anatoly Karpov, the world champion.

As the chess championship enters its tenth game at the ornate Hall of Columns near Red Square, Kasparov, as even his supporters admit dejectedly, is playing rashly and seems to be losing his nerve.

On Saturday the ninth game, which many experts had thought would end in a draw, brought Karpov, aged 33, his fourth victory on the seventh move. He needs only two more wins to keep the crown.

The match billed as a drawn-out struggle of brilliant youth against cunning maturity is fast turning into a rout.

The general view is that, unless Kasparov pulls himself together, he could lose 6–0, a devastating blow from which he might never recover. "It would be the end of a brilliant career", one Russian said, shaking his head.

Looking down past the white pillars and glittering chandeliers to where the two men sit at the chess board on the red-carpeted stage, one can see how body language expreses the state of mind of the champion and challenger.

Karpov, pale and predatory, sits relaxed and bright-eyed, sometimes resting his chin on his folded hands, sometimes turning to stare nonchalantly at the audience or getting up to disappear behind the curtain, rather like a conjurer.

Kasparov, by contrast, sits stolid and square, his athletic and well-built frame apparently helpless in this war of nerves. He stares fixedly at the board, pondering moves for a long time.

NINTH GAME
White, Karpov, Black, Kasparov

1	P-Q4	P-Q4	2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	Kt-KB3	P-QB4	4	PxP	PxP
5	P-KKt3	Kt-KB3	6	B-Kt2	B-K2
7	O-O	O-O	8	Kt-B3	Kt-B3
9	B-Kt5	PxP	10	KKtxP	P-KR3
11	B-K3	R-K1	12	Q-Kt3	Kt-QR4
13	Q-B2	B-KKt5	14	Kt-B5	R-QB1
15	B-Q4	B-QB4	16	BxB	RxB
17	Kt-K3	B-K3	18	QR-Q1	Q-B1
19	Q-R4	R-Q1	20	R-Q3	P-QR3
21	KR-Q1	Kt-B5	22	KtxKt	RxKt
23	Q-QR5	R-QB4	24	Q-Kt6	R-Q2
25	R-Q4	Q-QB2	26	QxQ	R(Q2)xQ
27	P-KR3	P-KR4	28	P-QR3	P-KKt3
29	P-K3	K-Kt2	30	K-R2	R-QB5
31	B-B3	P-QKt4	32	K-Kt2	R(B2)-B4
33	RxR	RxR	34	R-Q4	K-B1
35	B-K2	RxR	36	PxR	K-K2
37	Kt-QR2	B-B1	38	Kt-Kt4	K-Q3
39	P-KB3	Kt-Kt1	40	P-KR4	Kt-R3
41	K-B2	Kt-KB4	42	Kt-B2	P-B3
43	B-Q3	P-Kt4	44	BxKt	BxB
45	Kt-K3	B-Kt8	46	P-QKt4	PxP
47	Kt-Kt2	PxPch	48	KxP	K-K3
49	Kt-B4ch	K-B4	50	KtxRP	K-K3
51	Kt-B4ch	K-Q3	52	K-Kt4	B-B7
53	K-R5	B-Q6	54	K-Kt6	K-K2
55	KtxPch	K-K3	56	Kt-B7ch	K-Q2
57	KtxRP	BxP	58	KxP	K-Q3
59	K-B5	K-Q4	60	K-B4	B-R6
61	K-K3	K-B5	62	Kt-B5	B-B3
63	Kt-Q3	B-Kt7	64	Kt-K5ch	K-B6
65	Kt-Kt6	K-B5	66	Kt-K7	B-Kt2
67	Kt-B5	B-Kt7	68	Kt-Q6ch	K-Kt6
69	KtxP	K-R5	70	Kt-Q6	Resigns

Court turns down plea by Salvador

The Hague (Reuter) – The International Court of Justice has decided not to hear a request by El Salvador to intervene in a case brought by Nicaragua against the United States. It also decided to defer consideration of the admissibility of the El Salvador intervention.

The court will open hearings today over whether it has jurisdiction to deal with a Nicaraguan suit filed against the United States last April, in protest at the mining of Nicaraguan ports by the Central Intelligence Agency.

In an interim judgment last May, the court called on the US to cease support for military actions against Nicaragua's left-wing Government. In August El Salvador asked to be allowed to argue that the court had no jurisdiction over Nicargua's case.

Rumasa order to be reviewed

Madrid (Reuter) – A Spanish High Court judge has ruled that the Government's decision last year to expropriate trhe Rumasa Holding empire must be returned to Spain's Constitutional Court for review, court officials said.

Rumasa was taken over on the ground that it was about to collapse and that its demise would cause a national economic crisis.

Poet honoured

Frankfurt (AFP) The Mexican poet, Octavio Paz, aged 70, has been awarded the West German publishers' peace prize, the country's highest literary honour. In his acceptance speech, he critized the United States for consolidating authoritarian regimes and contributing to the "corruption of political life" in Central America.

Salvage delay

Ostend (AFP) – The wreck of the cargo ship Mont Louis, which sank while carrying nuclear waste, has shifted position after a storm off the Belgian coast. A spokesman for a group of salvage companies said that salvage work probably would not resume before tomorrow.

Bear fishing

Moscow (Reuter) – Soviet deep-sea fishermen, puzzled by an unusually heavy net, were surprised to find it contained two young whales and a pair of polar bears. All were eventually released after great difficulty in disentantling them, Tass said.

Five die in Karachi as Muslim rivals clash

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The festive season in the Indian sub-continent continued to cause death and destruction over the weekend. Five people died in Karachi in an area which saw bitter rioting between Sunni and Shia Muslims 18 months ago.

The Liaquatabagh area of the Sind capital is occupied by Mohajirs – emigrants from India – and the Moharrum festival, which is principally a Shia celebration of the martyrdom of Hazrat Husain, a grandson of the Prophet, frequently causes international tension. The devotees often draw blood from themselves with scourges as they march, reenacting the saint's martyrdom.

The deaths and a reported 300 injuries occurred in fierce fighting which ended when troops separated the two communities and imposed a curfew.

Similar Sunni-Shia clashes took place in Srinagar in Kashmir, despite a curfew. The Shias defied the curfew to take out a procession, and 41 people were hurt in attempts to prevent it.

First hanging in Turkey since military quit

From Rasit Gurdilek
Ankara

The first execution since the restoration of civilian rule in Turkey last November was approved by President Evren and immediately carried out at the weekend.

Mr Ilyas Has, aged 29, a militant of the left-wing underground Dev Yol (Revolutionary Path) organization, was sentenced to death for killing a night watchman five years ago.

His execution raised the number of people hanged for political crimes since the Army coup in September, 1980, to 26.

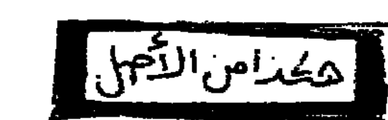
General strike called to back Malta teachers

From Our Correspondent
Valletta

A general strike in support of striking teachers in Malta's state schools has been called in the island for Wednesday. Confederation of Trade Unions announced this at a mass rally yesterday.

The teachers' union, which is a member of the confederation, has extended its strike for another week.

A general strike has not been called in Malta for some 20 years and the teachers' strike is the second in their union's 65-year history



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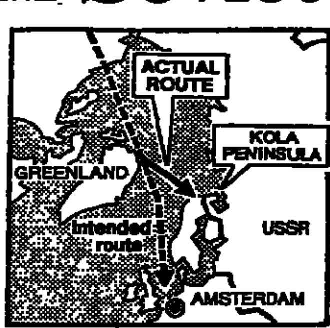
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Norwegian fighters turn back US charter jet from Soviet border

Oslo (Reuter) – An American airliner carrying 200 passengers came to within 15 minutes of the Soviet Union before the pilot realizedhe was 500 miles off course, the Norwegian Defence Ministry said.

South Pacific Island Airways in New York said it was "likely" that the aricraft in question was an SPIA plane on a military charter flight carrying 200 Fijian troops to Tel Aviv via the polar route and Amsterdam.



A second airline spokesman said the troops were flying to join a United Nations peace-keeping force.

The Norwegian Defence Ministry said yesterday that two of Norway's fighters were scrambled when the Boeing 707 was spotted crossing northern Norway and heading for the Soviet border last Sunday.

The plane had been heading for one of the Soviet Union's most heavily defended strategic areas, the Kola Peninsular, where much of the Soviet northern fleet is based.

The pilot told Norwegian authorities the aircraft's radar was faulty and he changed course as soon as he realized his position.

The Norwegian defence spokesman said that when the 707 was intercepted its pilot realized he was off course and turned westwards. "The consequences could have been serious", he said.

Mr Tom Mahar, SPIA's director of administration, said on the telephone from Honolulu: "It is likely it was our plane. We did have one in the area about then."

He said the 11-year-old airline had flown four such military charters for the Fijian Government this year.

The second SPIA spokesman in Honolulu said the four flights had all been made under contract to the Government of Fiji.

Amsterdam airport authorities said that when the SPIA flight landed there the captain said he was late because of a "diversion", but gave no further explanation.

The captain gave the name of "Guy American Airlines" but refuelled under the registration of SPIA.

In Washington, the Defence and State Departments said they were unaware of the incident. The Defence Department spokesman said: "Normally we would never receive information about a commercial airliner going astray. I have no information".

The State Department said it had no information on the incident, and nor did the Federal Aviation Administration and Civil Aeronautics Board.

Just over a year ago a South Korean 747 airliner was shot down by the Soviet Union after entering Soviet airspace. All 269 passengers died.



Peking bouquet: Chancellor Kohl being welcomed to the Chinese capital by the young daughter of one of the West German Embassy officials

China greets key partner Kohl

From David Bonavia, Peking

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, arrived here yesterday for a week's visit to China. His talks will be dominated by economic cooperation projects between the two countries.

Herr Kohl will have three sessions of talks with Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, besides meeting Mr Deng Ziaoping, China's elder statesman, Mr Hu Yaobang, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and President Li Xiannian.

Relations between China and West Germany are excellent, with annual trade turnover estimated at DM5,000m (£1,300m).

China regards West Germany as the economic pillar of the European Community and a vital partner in the Atlantic alliance to hold back Soviet expansion in Europe.

Later in the week Herr Kohl will visit Shanghai where he will lay the foundation stone for the new joint venture intended to produce annually 20,000 Volkswagen Santana cars, as well as 100,000 engines, most of which will be exported to other Volkswagen plants round the world.

The deal is worth DM500m and is split 50-50 between the German and Chinese partners.

West Germany is competing with France for the sale of two nuclear reactors for power plants in the Shanghai area. Also near Shanghai, West Germany is competing against Japanese firms for the sale of a hot strip steel rolling mill.

Belaunde feels the strain

Economic collapse brings hope to left

Political parties in Peru must put forward their nominations on October 14 for the presidential election next April. In the first of two articles from Lima, Patrick Knight reports on the country's economic plight and the effect it may have on the election campaign.

Peru's economy is in as bad, if not worse state than any other in Latin America. The international debt, more than a third of which has been spent on arms, is $13 billion – more than 70 per cent of the country's annual product. Because of the recession, and efforts to meet debt obligations, the economy has declined by 15 per cent in the past two years, implying a 20 per cent fall per capita and taking incomes back to where they were in 1965.

For the past three months Peru has joined Bolivia in not paying interest on its debt, and is in danger of being declared in default by the private banks. Unlike some neighbours, which have been able at least partially to meet an IMF agreed financial package and reorganization programme, Peru has totally failed to keep its targets.

The IMF programme has collapsed, and its loans have been suspended. The private banks have been unwilling to come up with any more money. On a recent visit to the United States, President Belaunde Terry asked President Reagan for a bridging loan of $300m, which would just about meet outstanding interest obligations, but nothing more.

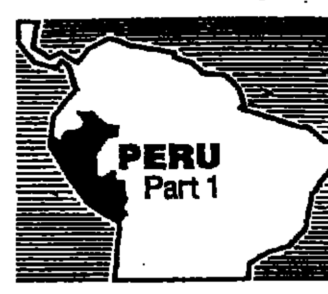
Peru's problems are regarded with scant sympathy by its creditors. As well as spending almost a third of the admittedly low tax-yield on the bloated armed forces, some of the best armed in Latin America, the Government is now considering an Air Force demand for 26 French Mirage jets costing $770m, as well as 24 helicopters from the United States, and the Soviet Union. Russia has been a major arms supplier since the 1968-1980 period of military rule, when the West was reluctant to sell Peru arms.

Peru has become a big food importer, spending $400m on essential foodstuffs each year. Farm output has gone steadily down.

President Belaunde Terry, who does not forget he was removed from power in 1968 by the military, has bent over backwards to buy off the armed forces, trying to avoid a repetition of the coup. Apart from that, he has almost ceased to govern.

Yet in spite of economic disaster and the death-toll of at least 5,000 in the bitterly fought campaign against the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas, he hopes to go down in history as the first Peruvian President in 60 years to have completed his term.

Such is the desperate economic situation that the left alliance could quite conceivably emerge victorious in the April elections. Lima, the capital, is the crucial factor. Its population has tripled from two million to six million in just 15 years, and a third of the country's population now lives in the teeming city. Although two thirds of industry is here, only a third of the city's workforce have regular jobs. The rest form a massive black economy. The only people who pay any attention to this problem are the Church and the parties of the left, and this could aid the latter next year.



Three main groupings are expected to put up candidates.

The party that now seems most likely to win is the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance (APRA), which has been an important force for 50 years without ever achieving power. APRA, which claims to be a centre-left party, has found a charismatic leader in the figure of 35-year-old Alan Garcia.

The parties of the right, including President Belaunde's Acción Popular (AP) and a new party led by General Morales Bermúdez, the last military President, seem unprepared to field a joint candidate and so may enter the contest divided.

The third grouping is the leftist Izquierda Unida, an alliance of eight Marxist parties which have come together under the leadership of the new Mayor of Lima, Señor Alfonso Barrantes, one of several Marxists who came to power in the cities last year. At the moment the feeling is that the left might win the first round but that it would be defeated by APRA in a second round.

Tomorrow: Sendero Luminoso.

Warsaw's spycatchers net 431 British agents

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Warsaw's most experienced spycatcher has disclosed that 431 British secret agents have been arrested in Poland since the Second World War.

Colonel Zbigniew Wislocki was giving a rare and remarkably detailed account of Nato espionage activities in Poland to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Polish Secret Police. The occasion has been celebrated by candid television interviews with agents' widows and the unveiling of monuments.

Colonel Wislocki said several Poles working for foreign intelligence agencies had turned themselves in under July's amnesty for political and common criminals.

This had yielded "a good deal of interesting information about the forms and methods of work used by the opponent ... many names of career employees of Nato special services, addresses, drops and means of communication", he told the newspaper *Sztandar Mlodych*.

In the 40 years of Polish (communist) secret police work, the authorities had managed to convict 2,140 spies, including 713 working for the Americans, 491 for the British, 219 for the French and 206 for the West Germans.

In the post-war Stalinist arrests and trials, many opponents of the Polish Government were accused of working for the British, more or less at random. Even so, it came as a surprise to many observers in Warsaw that Britain was so high on the list.

The work continues apace, Colonel Wislocki said, covering internal affairs – "currently, through the agency of diplomats and Western correspondents, a study is under way of the moods and plans of the underground, and there are attempts to revive it" – foreign policy, military installations and the economy.

The colonel seemed particularly concerned about Poles who, having emigrated after martial law or during the Solidarity period, may have been recruited by the West and sent back. These people could still surrender.

Tough line on strike in Wroclaw

From Our Own Correspondent Warsaw

Details of a short but bitter strike in a Polish factory have been disclosed by the Solidarity underground. It gives a rare glimpse of how political arguments between workers and managers are being handled now that Solidarity has been banned.

Work stopped at the three most important departments of the Wroclaw Pafawag rolling stock factory on September 18. The workers demanded reinstatement of 10 of them sacked for taking part in demonstrations.

The strike was called off and the factory director proposed reinstating five of the men, the others giving up their jobs "at their own request" – a formula to reduce damage to their work record.

The sacked workers refused, and when talks resumed the director said only three workers would be reinstated, and voluntary resignation for the others was dropped.

Red Cross tries to keep two Koreas in touch

From David Watts, Tokyo

To build on the successful cross-border relief operation, the South Korean Red Cross has proposed the reopening of contacts with the North on humanitarian issues.

A letter making the suggestion was carried by a North Korean Red Cross official who left the southern port of Inchon last week as the delivery of flood relief supplies from the North came to an end, according to Mr Yoo Chang Sun, president of the South Korean Red Cross. The letter called on the Northern Red Cross to reopen consultations

About 10 million Koreans are separated from relatives, either because of the partition of the country at the end of the Second World War or in the aftermath of the Korean war of 1950-53.

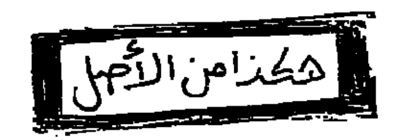
Humanitarian issues were last discussed during the brief spring of détente between the two in 1972 and 1973. Those meetings were broken off by the North at the seventh session in July, 1973.

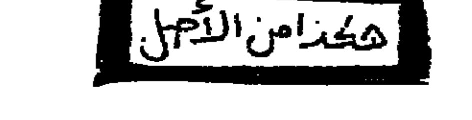
The South has also proposed that discussions be reopened on the fielding of joint teams for the 1988 Olympics to be held in Seoul.

Uganda meeting raises morale of opposition

Nairobi – Christian Democrats from Europe, Latin America and Asia, led by the Deputy Italian Prime Minister, Signor Arnaldo Forlani, attended a two-day conference of Christian Democrats International in Kampala at the weekend (Charles Harrison writes).

The meeting raised the morale of Uganda's opposition Democratic Party which was celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, and enabled the party to hold its first political rally since President Obote's Uganda People's Congress came to power in 1980.





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THE ARTS

Opera

Inspiring stream of melody and musicianship

L'Etoile
Opéra-Comique, Paris

Over the past few days musical Paris has been busy rediscovering Emmanuel Chabrier, or at least a part of him, and in doing so with much pleasure and just a touch of surprise. The piece causing the delight is *L'Etoile* (which could be translated as "Horoscope"). Chabrier's first major work, a farcical operetta written in 1877 when the composer was 36.

Its score has been praised by fellow musicians as disparate as Stravinsky and Reynaldo Hahn, but it is scarcely ever played. Indeed the last time it was heard at the Opéra-Comique, with Roger Desormières in the pit, was over forty years ago. And, as Francis Poulenc has remarked in his book on Chabrier, 1941 in Paris was not exactly a time for laughter.

Melody and musicianship fill *L'Etoile*. In its three brief acts, running to under two hours' music, Chabrier seems incapable of writing a dull tune or of orchestrating it with anything less than considerable finesse. Part is parody, as in the "Green Chartreuse duet" of the last act where Donizetti takes a thwack; part is straightforward bewitching song, such as "Chanson de l'etoile", which might well have been one of the numbers that so enthused the ear of Reynaldo Hahn. And Chabrier must have looked to himself for inspiration, for there is little to be drawn from the words of Leterrier and Vanloo, who might have provided reasonable librettos for Lecocq but were not at their best in *L'Etoile*. The opening line of the first solo, "C'est moi, le roi" set the verbal level of the evening.

But is it just the poverty of the text that has put out the bright light of *L'Etoile*? Other scores have triumphed over weak words. As likely it is mere fashion that has counted against Chabrier. (Collectors of operatic rarities will probably recall, though, that the ever-enterprising John Lewis Music Society had a shot at putting it on some fifteen years ago.) The production by Louis Erlo and Alain Maratrat at the Opéra-Comique, first seen in Lyons earlier in the year, may well swing fashion round again.

They do their best to gloss over the kind of story W.S. Gilbert might have dreamt up on a bad day, of King Ouf I and his favourite astrologer, Siroco. Ouf gives his subjects an execution a year but it transpires that the life of his chosen victim, Lazuli, an itinerant pedlar, is closely linked by the stars to his own: Ouf will die a quarter of an hour after Lazuli, so he quickly slaps in a clause saying that Siroco will breathe his last 15 minutes after that. Horoscopes, as is sometimes the case, do not work out as predicted, so Lazuli get his girl, the Princess Laoula originally intended for Ouf, and the king and his astrologer may or may not make up for it by having a double execution next time round.

Jacques Rapp sets it all in an oriental paradise with blue minarets glittering under the sun. The costumes are exotic and the action is deliberately restrained. Erlo may have his Ouf (Michel Sénéchal, swathed in a burnous and imperfectly disguised behind dark glasses) crawling out of a stage box to announce that he *is* the king or Jules Bastin (Siroco) using his vast belly to move the lower orders out of the way, but there is no frenzy. That would destroy the flavour of Chabrier's music.

L'Etoile by its very title demands that there be a star role and it goes to the pedlar, Lazouli, a *travesti* part, taken in that 1941 revival by Fanély Revoil. It is now assigned to Colette Alliot-Lugaz, whose mop of blonde curls and broad grinning mouth recall Harpo Marx. Indeed, it is probably no coincidence that the whole production provides irresistible reminders of *A Night in Casablanca*. Miss Lugaz, who was spotted quite early on in her career by Glyndebourne when they cast her as Cherubino in the 1981 *Figaro* and later in *The Love for Three Oranges*, also has some of Harpo's pathos when Lazouli falls asleep by the side of his barrow dreaming of his Laoula. The voice is true and instantly appealing, but it is the command of the stage that makes this Lazuli, a hoydenish Cherubino – yes, Glyndebourne had the right idea – that will stay etched on the memory.

Véronique Dietschy, possibly the best of the Micaëlas used by Peter Brook in his *Carmen*, is a tall, wistful Laoula, as dreamy as her admirer. She is at her best in the "Couplets de la Rose", one of the numbers picked out for praise by Chabrier's British biographer Rollo Myers, and in the enchanting "Quatuor des Baisers" in the middle act. Around the lovers are cast some of the Opéra's most experienced actor-singers, who are usually heard in Offenbach at this address.

At the head is Michel Sénéchal, whose tenor still has an amazing compass and whose limbs are still supple enough to clamber over stage and auditorium as Ouf. Jules Bastin is not one to do much clambering nowadays and he relates what the stars foretell at a nice, steady pace and in a good round bass. Together they are marvellous in the "Green Chartreuse duet" as they sip that liquid (more the colour of Crème de Menthe at the Opéra-Comique) to relieve their gloom. Good support comes from Michel Philippe as the ambassador Hérisson de Porc-Epic (a very Meihlac and Halévy name) and Philippe Duminy as his secretary Tapioca (a very Leterrier and Vanloo name).

Even England provides a vital element of the evening in the shape of the conductor, John Burdekin (born in Leeds), who never pushes his orchestra too hard, gives his singers plenty of room to make their comic points and allows the audience to experience the special savour in the orchestration that is Chabrier's.

EMI's French division have just brought out a recording of *L'Etoile* using the Lyons forces, conducted by Burdekin's compatriot John Eliot Gardiner; Colette Alliot-Lugaz is the only common factor between the Lyons and Paris casts. But there are no plans at the moment to release it the UK. Perhaps EMI should think again.

For those who want to catch *L'Etoile* in the flesh it is playing until Saturday, returns for two performance in November (2,7) and again in the last fortnight of December. There are cast changes.

John Higgins







Colette Alliot-Lugaz in the bewitching "Chanson de l'étoile"; and the neglected Chabrier himself

Television

Ambiguous talents

The South Bank Show (LWT) returned with a portrait of Alan Bennett; he was undertaking research in medieval history before becoming part of *Beyond the Fringe*, thus establishing that slightly ambiguous persona which hovers somewhere between don and performer. But he has a slightly forlorn expression, like a dog which has been reprimanded for worrying sheep, which suggests that he may not particularly like hovering.

Last night's programme also made it clear that he is possessed by the idea of Englishness (of which he is the epitome), whether exemplified in the treachery of Guy Burgess or the domesticity of a Leeds aunt. Leeds is in fact his Combray, at least in a comic perspective, and he can be almost painfully funny about the lives of the people there. In fact his ear for dialogue, and his eye for character, are such that he is probably one of the most inventive of contemporary writers. And he has his sad side, too, which always helps.

Blue Money (LWT) was perhaps the closest television will get to pantomime, with Tim Curry in the role of principal boy: he has an agreeable face, like a rubber ball with teeth. In a plot so startling that it can only have been based on "real life", he goes through a bewildering variety of impersonations – in turn an Irishman, Californian, Cockney and Mancunian – as well as performing any number of cabaret routines.

It was something of an achievement, although the comedy was built a little too obviously around his "turns" and was as a result sometimes ingratiating. But it was still a funny and engaging film, which had the advantage of being very well made: this was escapist entertainment with a vengeance, especially since it was about someone who escaped.

Peter Ackroyd

Concerts

Strangely enticing

Circle/Rose
Nettlefold Hall

Nettlefold Hall. A strange name, as *Private Eye's* resident poet, E J Thribb, would write. And you might think West Norwood to be a pretty strange place in which to stage a festival of contemporary music. But then much of the music to be played in the festival, in what is actually a comfortable and well-suited venue, is quite strange too, if enticingly so.

The opening concert, given by Circle, would have been a marvellous illustration of the effects that Ligeti's *Aventures* has had upon other composers were it not for the fact that the earliest work on the programme, John Cage's *Water Music*, dates from the early Fifties. With its giant score, reaching six feet above the stand, its plethora of toys and other objects (including a squeaky plastic duck that was mercilessly dunked in a bowl of water) and its apparently entirely serious performer, here the pianist Stephen Montague, Cage's work surely counts as one of the most bizarre pieces of its time.

A similar aesthetic anarchy entertainingly characterizes the work of Vinko Globokar, as the events of *Discours IV*, for three clarinettists, make clear. First of all the players go walkabout. Than they all return to the stage and sit down to make animalistic noises with bass clarinets. Then they get up again and do other theatrical things, some of which, I thought, were distinctly Freudian.

Social interaction of a more innocuous kind was the point of Heinz Holliger's *Kreis*, in which four players sat in a circle and periodically passed their instruments to their neighbours. Stockhausen's *Expo*, written for Expo 70, seemed to be a modestly substantial piece, even though its instrumentation, which prescribes three short-wave transistor radios to which the players react according to the composer's instructions, might dissuade some from thinking so.

Whether or not the same seriousness of intent is present in Mauricio Kagel's *Ludwig Van*, written for Beethoven's bicentenary, is impossible to say. Stephen Montague's performing version heard here includes a sequence of slides by Suzanne Arbisi that replaces the original film. As the work progresses, with the instrumental ensemble playing ever more disorientated fragments of the master's music accompanied by a recording, the images become more night marish. But Kagel's bizarre humour is here too; especially in the mime of the last symphony's chorus. Perhaps, after all, irreverence is the most reverent tribute that can be given. Or perhaps not . . .

Stephen Pettitt

Krenek's staggering degree of self-delusion

Johnny Strikes Up
Grand, Leeds

Well, now we know, Krenek's *Jonny spielt auf*, the "jazz opera" that swept Germany in the last years of the Weimar Republic, is the sheerest trash. As a love story it is trivial and sentimental, as a picture of the inhibited artist unloosed by the New World it is embarrassingly naive, and as a musical drama it is a dreary mess plugged with lumps of dance-band borrowings.

If the central character, Max, is a self-portrait, as Krenek has been bold enough to claim, then this suggests a staggering degree of self-delusion: Max as lover is soggy cardboard, and as composer quite unbelievable, listening to the mountains for his inspiration. But then nothing in the opera offers any sign that Krenek might have been in a position to sympathise with a real composer.

One is bound to wonder, then, why *Jonny* should have been so wildly successful in its time, and I suppose there is some point in this British première production by the New Opera Company and Opera North if it indicates a few of the reasons. In the first place, Krenek obviously supplied a taste for slightly shocking modern-chic, not only with his jazzy bits, but also with the motor car, telephone and express train brought on to the operatic stage. There must also have been an element of success breeding success. And perhaps too the presence of a black jazzman among the cast gave theatres an opportunity to proclaim their distance from Nazism.

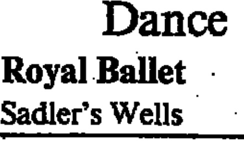
Now the novelties have all very much worn off and one is left with Krenek's own inane libretto and his music which, the jazz aside, is devoid of character, interest or movement. Under the circumstances it is hard to complain if Anthony Besch's production should seem disillusioned: the work is too feeble to be sent up with any degree of conviction.

Visually the few striking moments come from Terry Gilbert's arrangement of the dances, and the orchestra under David Lloyd-Jones also comes to life when the jazz rhythms take off. Jeremy Sams's English version of the text is efficient and as tactful as may be.

The cast includes the black American baritone Jonathan Sprague as a Jonny of some verve. Kenneth Woolam struggles manfully with the appalling part of Max, and Penelope Mackay offers some nice singing as his beloved Anita. Lyndon Terracini and Gillian Sullivan are the smoothy and the maid out of a French farce, bereft in this vacuousness.

Paul Griffiths

Dance



Royal Ballet
Sadler's Wells

Made in Britain
The Place

The reason why so much fuss is being made of Sir Frederick Ashton's eightieth birthday, with special performances at Cambridge on the actual anniversary last month, at Sadler's Wells last week and Covent Garden next week, is that he is one of the two great choreographers so far produced in Britain. To avoid misunderstanding, the other is Antony Tudor, who matched Ashton in quality although not in quantity or range. Those two sprang fully fledged from the nest where British ballet was born, more than half a century ago, and even the best of their successors have not equalled them.

The Royal Ballet's repertory has become so lopsided lately that the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet had little choice for its all-Ashton programme, but at least that choice was of the highest quality. *Les Rendezvous*, made in 1933, looks old-fashioned because of the designs (actually: the original costumes were better than those used now), but the dances have a freshness, lightness, zest and imagination that younger chorcographers should envy.

There were some newcomers to the leading roles. Sandra Madgwick's coloratura technique enables her to sparkle through the ballet with smiling ease, giving a lively gaiety to its humour and romance. Mark Welford, in his first leading part, shows elegance and pliancy in his solos, and partners attentively if not yet with ease.

In *The Dream*, David Bintley's Bottom is the outstanding performance, with every passing thought visible in his actions, but Roland Price's Oberon has an impetuous sweep. Grahame Lustig will make a good Puck if only he drops the camp exaggerations which others introduced into the role and concentrates on his splendid dancing.

Facade completed the bill: a rare example of wit that remains amusing however often you watch it. To go from this programme straight to Dance Umbrella's **Made in Britain** was a sad experience. There are to be four more of these showcase evenings between now and mid-November, each different from the others. The purpose is to allow freelance dancers to try their hand at chorography. Unless this first of the series was grossly misleading, the message is that there is no great pool of neglected talent.

Even Julyen Hamilton on this first programme, in a collaboration with Kirstie Simson, succeeded only in proving how much of the success he enjoyed with *Musk* two years ago must have been due to the percussionist who contributed to it. This time, he and Simson saddled themselves with situations, characters and words of such incredible silliness that their skilled ease and sharpness of movement went for nothing.

For the rest, there were unconvincing attempts at humour (Gaby Agis's drunk was at least intermittently funny) and even more embarrassing attempts at serious dancing. The moral is that most would-be choreographers should not be.

John Percival

Dee Conway



Pliant elegance: Mark Welford in *Les Rendezvous*

LBS/Steinitz
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Paul Steinitz is 75. Over the years, with his London Bach Society choirs and the Steinitz Bach Players, he has been a pathfinder in the exploration both of Germanic baroque music (and Bach in particular) and of performance practice. We have good reason, therefore, to be grateful to him.

But he is not, as his age might suggest, simply a a man of the past. Indeed, the final concert of his anniversary series showed him willing to be swept along on the tide of progress; for the first time in one of his South Bank Bach Cantata series he used an orchestra of period-style intruments. He also boldly invited one of the leading figures of the younger generation of baroque musicians, Trevor Pinnock, to come and play Bach's D minor Harpsichord Concerto, BWV 1052.

Normally, of course, Pinnock would direct from the harpsichord, but not here. I must say that the presence of the third party created a series of unwelcome tensions, most ruinously in the first movement.

On the one hand there was Pinnock, eager and athletic, pointing his phrasing with buoyant, sometimes humorous character, and on the other there was the poor orchestra, torn between allegiance to him and to Dr Steinitz's altogether more dour view of things. It did not help that most of the orchestra were out of Pinnock's field of vision.

Three Bach cantatas offered us a further glimpse of treasures that lie buried beneath the sheer vastness of the man's output. Formally the most radical of them was No 138, *Warum betrübst du dich, mein Herz?*, which consists of a chorale interrupted by a series of ravishing recitatives, with just one bass aria near the end.

But the others were equally affecting. No 164, *Ihr, die ihr euch von Christo nennet*, made its transition from an atmosphere of tragic *angst* to confidence in Christ quite magically, while the Ascension Cantata *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird* (No 37), with its use of the chorale "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern", spoke in brighter (dare one say more secular?) tones throughout.

There was some beautiful solo singing from the quartet of Gillian Fisher, Charles Brett, Wynford Evans and, in particular, Peter Savidge. On the whole, though, these were fairly severe performances, and they could have been more taut.

Stephen Pettitt

ECO/Malcolm
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Concert halls and promoters should have little trouble in breaking even next year if Friday night's foretaste of 1985's Bach and Handel festivities was anything to go by.

On the face of it, we were in for a safe, comfortable, utterly conventional English Chamber Orchestra evening: few empty seats, a sturdy baroque programme, some feasting and some fireworks. As it turned out, from the Overture to *Alexander's Feast* to the *Music for the Royal Fireworks* not a note was taken for granted; and the only comfort there was came from the fact that, under George Malcolm's direction, shape, form and texture were integrated into consistent good sense, and, within the chosen stylistic frame, fine sensibility.

As Bach's E major Harpsichord Concerto emphasized, the delight of George Malcolm's music-making is its good humour and unfailing good taste. It is at once grave and gay: sequences and motor rhythms are enriched in their cumulation, and the keyboard as new, unfamiliar soloist assumes a quiet yet exuberant command of the situation.

The other solo work of the evening was Bach's Double Violin Concerto. José-Luis Garcia and Mary Eade gave it a refreshingly serviceable performance in which strength of ensemble took precedence over the obstructive idiosyncrasy which too often mars more eminent performances in the bigger hall next door.

The Second Brandenburg Concerto, alas, turned out to be something of a Hoffning sketch, with Anthony Halstead looking as if he wished the earth would swallow him up. Even if bits had not been flying off his whooping and gurgling horn, Thruston Dart's notion to use the instrument instead of a trumpet never seems quite convincing. The slow movement, with Neil Black's exquisite oboe and William Bennett's flute, was something of a relief; and all was put to rights in an urbanely grandiloquent Firework finale.

Hilary Finch


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SPECTRUM

Rupert Morris visits a mining community where families are torn apart and former friends attack each other's homes

A village by the pit divided

The action starts in Keresley before dawn. Among the earliest risers will be a group of miners' wives who go to the main colliery gate before the working miners arrive, to shout "Scab", or otherwise abuse them.

Mrs Ethel Hood will be the most vocal, as she is every morning before she leaves the picket line for her job at GEC in Coventry. Her son is working at nearby Daw Mill Colliery, and she threw him out of the house for it.

Elsewhere on the estate of pebble-dashed houses with tiled roofs built 60 years ago, about 20 miners are preparing for work. At about 6am David White gets a knock at the door of his home in Parkfield Road. It will be one of his colleagues.

They walk to work together, shadowed in the morning mist by police, who know where every one of the working miners, "scabs" or "blacklegs" – depending on your point of view – lives. Most of the others go to work by National Coal Board bus.

David White and his wife, Karen, have put their house up for sale, but there haven't been any takers. They have had their windows broken twice, and the front and rear windscreens of their car smashed.

On his way to work David passes the boarded-up house of Steve Morgan, another strike-breaker who was more or less hounded out of the village. He can't sell his house either.

Round the corner in Shaftesbury Avenue, at Nev Bell's house, son Andrew may be the first to get up. For several weeks he was picking beans for £6 a day. He and his father have been on strike from the beginning of the dispute, and the family's modest savings have been used up.

Nev Bell will get up soon afterwards to go down to the picket line, or to meet other members of the strike committee to organize meetings, letters, collections and the distribution of money and food to strikers and their families.

If he sees a "scab" he will ignore him – even though he may once have been a friend. "People who cross picket lines are not trade unionists", is his simple dictum.

Alone in the Warwickshire coalfield, Coventry Colliery has most of its miners on strike. In spite of a local ballot that voted three to one in favour of working, the pit was effectively "picketed out" by the men from Kent and Yorkshire until the union at both area and national level gave official backing to the strike.

The number returning to work has risen steadily until now it is between 35 and 49 per cent, depending on whether you accept the union's or the coal board's figures. Most of the working miners live outside the village.

The inhabitants of Keresley are a polyglot collection of Geordies, Welshmen, Scots and Midlanders, almost all with strong mining roots. Those who have dared to cross picket lines need all the moral support they can get, so they stick together, drinking only in the Hare and Hounds (nicknamed the Hare and Scab), and never venturing into the colliery club or the Spread Eagle, where the strikers gather.

When they get inside the colliery gate, they are insulated for the time being from the hatred and abuse of those around them. I went with them down the pit.

After a rapid 800-yard descent in the cage, we travelled in a miniature train known as a "man-rider" up and down and round bends like a fairground roller-coaster at half-throttle, before a long walk through the darkness towards the coalface.

Some way along the treacherous roadway, where even experienced men stumble and fall from time to time, Andrew Walker is taking a breather after dragging equipment to and from the coalface.

Andrew, who is 21, went back to work two weeks ago alongside his brother, Kevin, 23, and father, Jimmy. The Walkers had been a popular family in the village, but not any more.

"In Keresley you expect trouble all the time", says Andrew. "They'll shout and scream at you if they are in a gang; but if they are on their own they'll speak to you."

He says he carries a piece of chain in his car for self-defence, and keeps the car either at his girlfriend's house in Radford, or on coal board premises. He hopes to leave Keresley "when I settle down".

Andrew says the atmosphere down the pit is "more friendly" than it used to be.

A little further along the roadway was Dean Chambers, also 21, who came back to work at the same time. Why?

"Because of my mates, I suppose", he says. It seemed to be easier for the younger lads to be phlegmatic about it; trade

> **'I supported the strike – but I couldn't afford to go bankrupt'**
>
> *Faceman who is still working*

unionism is not in their bones. Dean plays football for the Coventry Colliery team, and played alongside two striking miners the other weekend; he says they got on fine.

For the older men, it is more complicated.

Jack Wright, a repair worker, lives in nearby Camp Hill. Someone sprayed his car, and he thinks he knows who did it.

"I've just paid a £340 repair bill", he says. "How do you think I'm going to feel if I've got to work next to that bloke when this is over?"

Henry Foster, a 52-year-old Welshman, was mending a hose. He and his fellows have turned their hands to all sorts of jobs in the absence of their former workmates. He reflected on the fact that he could no longer go the the club, where he used to go most evenings, and that Ken Lewis, a striker who had been his best mate "doesn't bother with me now".

But his chief worry is his role as leader of the St John Ambulance Cadet Band, and the £1,000 worth of equipment languishing in a room at the colliery which has been taken over by the police.

At the face, the huge cutting-machine ground to a halt and the men paused in the damp, warm air, the lamps on their helmets flickering from one blackened face to another as they talked between mouthfuls from their snap-tins.

The faceworkers, only five or six of whom were working out of their normal complement of 72, did not want to be identified by name.

One said: "I supported the strike as long as I could but I couldn't go bankrupt. My wife was threatening to leave."

Another had gone back more or less straightaway. For him it was a simple issue: the union was defying its local ballot result and he was abiding by it. When he had gone back to work he had been one of only 40. Now with more than 400 working, his colleagues were thanking him for having helped to keep the pit open.

The "Warwickshire thick" coal is prone to spontaneous combustion, and both on our way in and on our way out we passed arches of sandbags which would have been reinforced to cut air off from sections of the pit in the event of an all-out strike.

Then we walked and occasionally crawled another mile or so on the return journey. Suddenly the tunnel had the noxious smell of used air, full of gas. Then we climbed on to a man-riding conveyor belt, walked a little more, and got back into the cage.

Back up in the canteen, where an electronic scoreboard flashes up the latest attendance figures and local sports results, Steve Morgan talks with more bitterness than most.

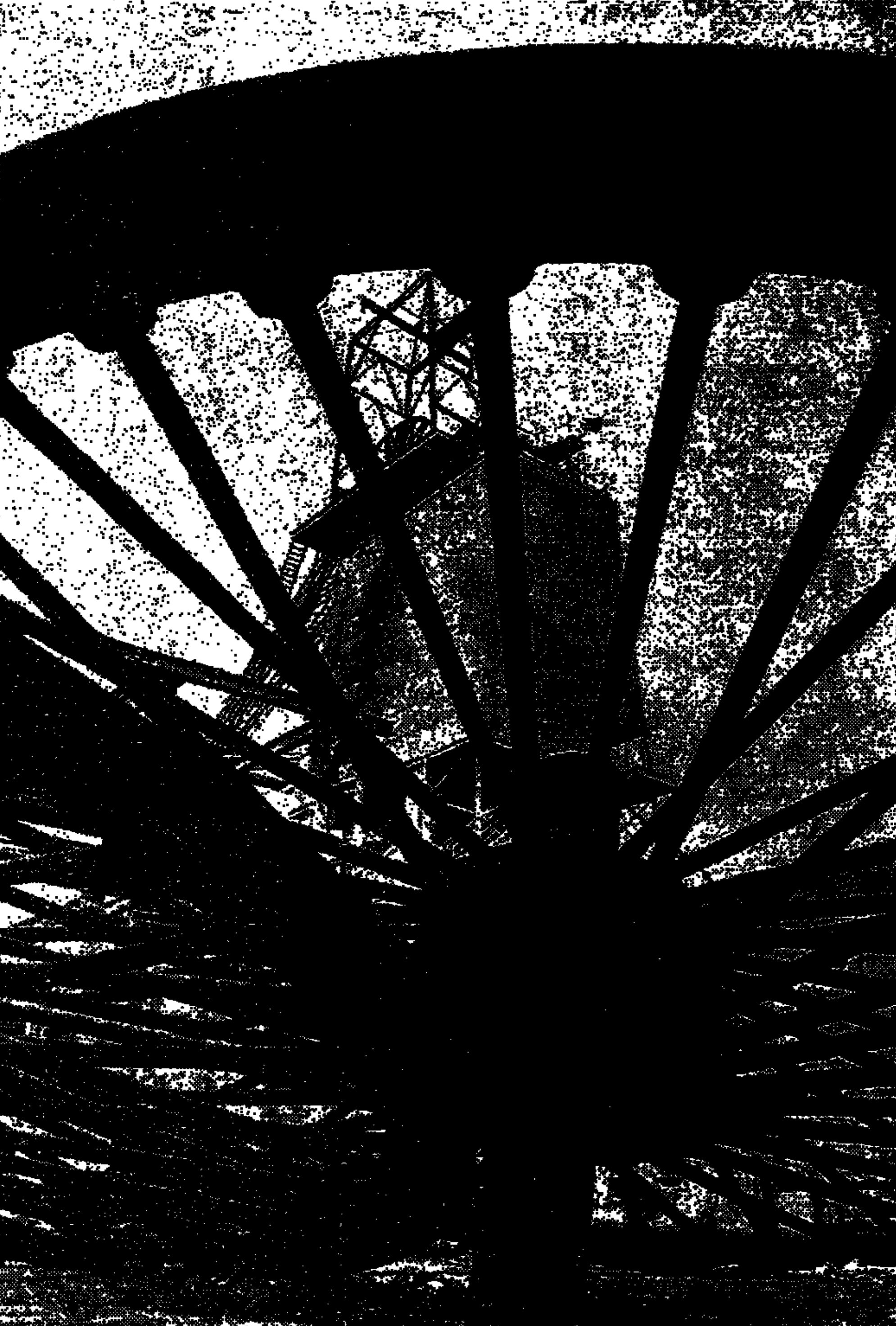
After 12 years in the village, he moved out several months ago because his windows had been broken by Yorkshire pickets and his children bullied and abused at school.

"You think twice before you speak to anyone these days", he says, "and it mucks up your social life. The kids have learnt to find out how the land lies before they made friends with anyone, and that's not natural. I'll never live in a village again after this."

One of the canteen waitresses tells me how she doesn't speak to her brother any more, although she can see the back windows of his house every time she hangs up her overall on the washing line. His last words to her were on the picket line when he just said: "I'm ashamed to call you my sister."

The food in the canteen is not all that different from the slices of pork, mashed potato and mushy peas being served free down at the sports pavilion by the striking miners' wives. About 200 men, women and children come here every day, and another 250 go to two other "soup kitchens" in the village.

Here the members of the strike committee gather in earnest conclave while their



Coventry Colliery: Miners were picketed out before the strike was declared official in the area

Striker Nev Bell with wife Mary and son Andrew

The boarded-up house of a working miner

women shout at them to come in and eat.

Nev Bell, former branch president and official spokesman and fund-raiser, whose voice is hoarse from speaking at meetings, is bearded by a representative of Workers' Power, who wants to organize a rally in Coventry. Nev gives him the necessary authorization.

The women, meanwhile, are discussing a disco they are planning to hold in the pavilion that evening for children aged 11 to 15.

Morale is high among those at the centre of the strike. They have avoided much of the deprivation that other areas have suffered, thanks to some energetic fund-raising, and because trade union links are predictably strong in Coventry, where staff at firms such as Jaguar, Rolls-Royce and GEC organize weekly collections.

The strike committee receives about £4,000 a week which is spent on hot meals at the sports pavilion, food packages worth £7 each which are distributed every week to strikers in outlying areas, and £7.50 a week for the pickets and to meet individual cases of hardship.

Special care is taken over the children, and the committee has spent £12,000 equipping the children with shoes for the winter term.

At the colliery club, opposite the pit, the strikers have taken over, and even officials, members of other unions at the pit, are not made to feel welcome. A move to have "blacklegs" officially barred was defeated, but the atmosphere would be enough to deter anyone not on strike.

Inside, a man wears a badge which sums up the strikers' feelings: "We'll not always be poor, but *they'll always be scabs*".

Enmity is so pervasive that even the village's only fish and

> **'We'll not always be poor, but they will always be scabs'**
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> *Badge worn by a striking miner*

chip shop has been "blacked" for serving policemen.

Cyril Smith, colliery manager for the past two years, sits in his office like a man at the centre of a siege. All the telephones except one in the medical room have been cut off, and the British Telecom engineers will not cross picket lines

At the moment, Coventry Colliery is producing between 4,000 and 5,000 tons of coal per week – about half its normal production. An underground explosion and a geological fault were responsible for a £14m loss last year, but the pit has huge reserves and is earmarked for long-term development.

Mr Smith recently sent a letter to all the strikers warning them that the mine needed "a regular and settled team, permanently deployed", and those failing to return to work by September 28 would be interviewed by management and given jobs "consistent with colliery requirements".

Many saw the letter as blackmail and tore it up. But 13 men went back last week.

In Mr Smith's office a few days ago Ted Walsh, an electrician crippled some years previously by an underground accident, had broken down and cried as he described how he had set off in his car to take his daughter to school and discovered that his brakes had been tampered with; a few weeks earlier he had been set on by Yorkshire pickets and badly bruised; now he feared for his family's lives.

With hostility having reached such an appalling level, it was no surprise to hear Mr Smith confess to being worried about the day when the strikers would eventually return.

Elsewhere, a return to work is the last thing on people's minds. Back at Nev Bell's house, Mary Bell offers her guests a choice of corned beef or tinned salmon sandwiches for tea. Nev has tried the soup from one of the emergency food packages and pronounced it uneatable.

Mrs Pat Davies has dropped in with a few members of the women's support group. She makes jam from blackberries picked by the local lads and sells it at 50p a jar to her workmates at GEC.

The conversation turns to the village "scabs" – the Hitchcocks, the Fosters, the Walkers, some of whom were close friends but are now ostracized.

Pat Davies and her husband Ray became involved in an argument recently with Billy and Cath Wood from round the corner; Billy had gone back to work and Cath wanted to pick a bone with the Davieses over something that had passed between them.

Pat describes how a brawl developed among the four of them; the police came and threatened arrests but relented.

Pat believes the police are clearly on the side of the strike-breakers, a view supported by Colin Ward, one of the strike leaders. He says he was beaten up by police, who arrested him on the say-so of a "blackleg".

Andrew Bell, who is only 17 and has been on strike longer than he has worked at the pit, finds all the aggro hard to take; he has friends who have gone back to work, and he still talks to them. He says he will give it another week and then go to the JobCentre and look for something else.

It is nearly 8pm now, and David and Karen White have dropped their three-year-old son with her mother, and are ready to go out for a drink – not in Keresley, of course, but via winding roads to a quiet country pub.

There they explain how, since David first crossed the picket lines, they have gradually become alienated from the rest of the village.

Their neighbours won't speak to them, or to their son. Karen dare not shop in the village, and won't come home between two and three in the afternoon because that is when the wives gather in one of the gardens opposite. Both have nothing but gratitude for the police, without whom David reckons no one in Keresley would be at work.

Karen rings them whenever she is going to be out all day, or when the throwing of stones or conkers by the neighbours' children becomes unbearable.

From midnight, with a bit of luck, Keresley might be able to enjoy a few hours of peace.

Chief Superintendent Frank Garrett, divisional commander of the Warwickshire force, says: "What worries me is what happens when this dispute is over. I've no doubt that we shall have to police at a higher than normal level for some time after the dispute."

One of the strikers' wives told me a story of a Welsh miner who died recently in his eighties. When a neighbour was told of the death, he said: "Oh, you mean Dai the Scab", referring to a local dispute in 1918.

There is every reason to believe that the scars and grudges in Keresley will last just as long.

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research: THE LAW

Controlling numbers



The prison population could be reduced by about 5,000 offenders, if sentencing changes achieved in a Home Office project in Hampshire were reproduced nationally, according to a recently published report. The project, carried out over 1981 and 1982, changed sentencing practice by increasing alternatives to custody for adult offenders.

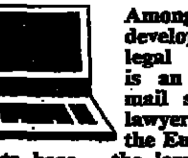
When the scheme started, most probation officers said there was wide scope for reducing the use of custody. But more than three-quarters of the Hampshire magistrates thought that the custodial sentences were "about right" in length, and supported shorter sentences, only if linked with tougher custodial conditions.

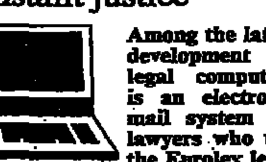
The report shows that while sentencing in the Hampshire magistrates' courts remained the same as in all magistrates' courts, there was a substantial change in Crown Court practice.

Between 1980 and 1981, the use of immediate imprisonment dropped by about a seventh, while there was little change in England and Wales as a whole. In Hampshire, the average length of a sentence dropped by about a fifth, against a general but less pronounced move towards shorter sentences nationally. Hampshire's crown courts more frequently used fines and probation instead of custody.

If adopted by courts generally, the research unit says, changes in practice of this order could reduce the prison population by more than 5,000 and "make a major contribution to relieving overcrowding".

Instant justice



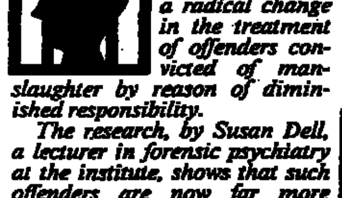


Among the latest development in legal computers is an electronic mail system for lawyers who use the Eurolex legal data base – the largest in the country. Lawyers can now send an A4 document instantly from London to any number of destinations in the country for less than the cost of a first stamp.

It can also be used for internal messages: Within seconds of being sent a memo or letter will arrive in an electronic "mailbox" waiting for the recipient to read incoming mail.

Cells for the sick





Research at the Maudsley Hospital's Institute of Psychiatry shows a radical change in the treatment of offenders convicted of manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility.

The research, by Susan Dell, a lecturer in forensic psychiatry at the institute, shows that such offenders are now far more likely to receive a prison sentence than be sent to a special hospital.

On a sample of 253 offenders convicted of manslaughter by reason of diminished responsibility between 1966 and 1977, she shows that sentencing practice completely changed and jail sentences were much more common than hospital orders.

One main reason for this, she says, is a change in Department of Health and Social Security policy over the special maximum security hospitals. With overcrowding at Broadmoor, admissions started to be filtered rigorously and only patients needing that special maximum security were received.

Secondly, there was a change in professional opinion about the treatability of psychopaths. In early years treatability was not a ground for admission, but it later became necessary to prove the offender actually needed or was susceptible to treatment.

There was also an increased tendency for mentally ill offenders, diagnosed as suffering from depression, to be described as recovered and no longer needing treatment.

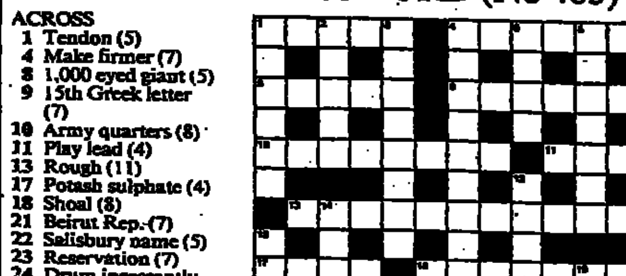
Mr Dell urges reconsideration of the proposal by the Butler committee in 1975 for a new type of indeterminate sentence where release for mentally abnormal offenders is regularly reviewed and based on public safety criteria alone.

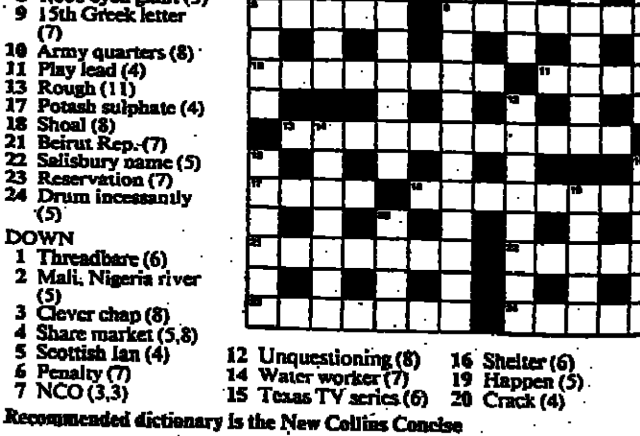
This would help remedy the illogically different ways in which very different offenders are currently assessed for release.

Frances Gibb

Miles Kington is on holiday.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 465)





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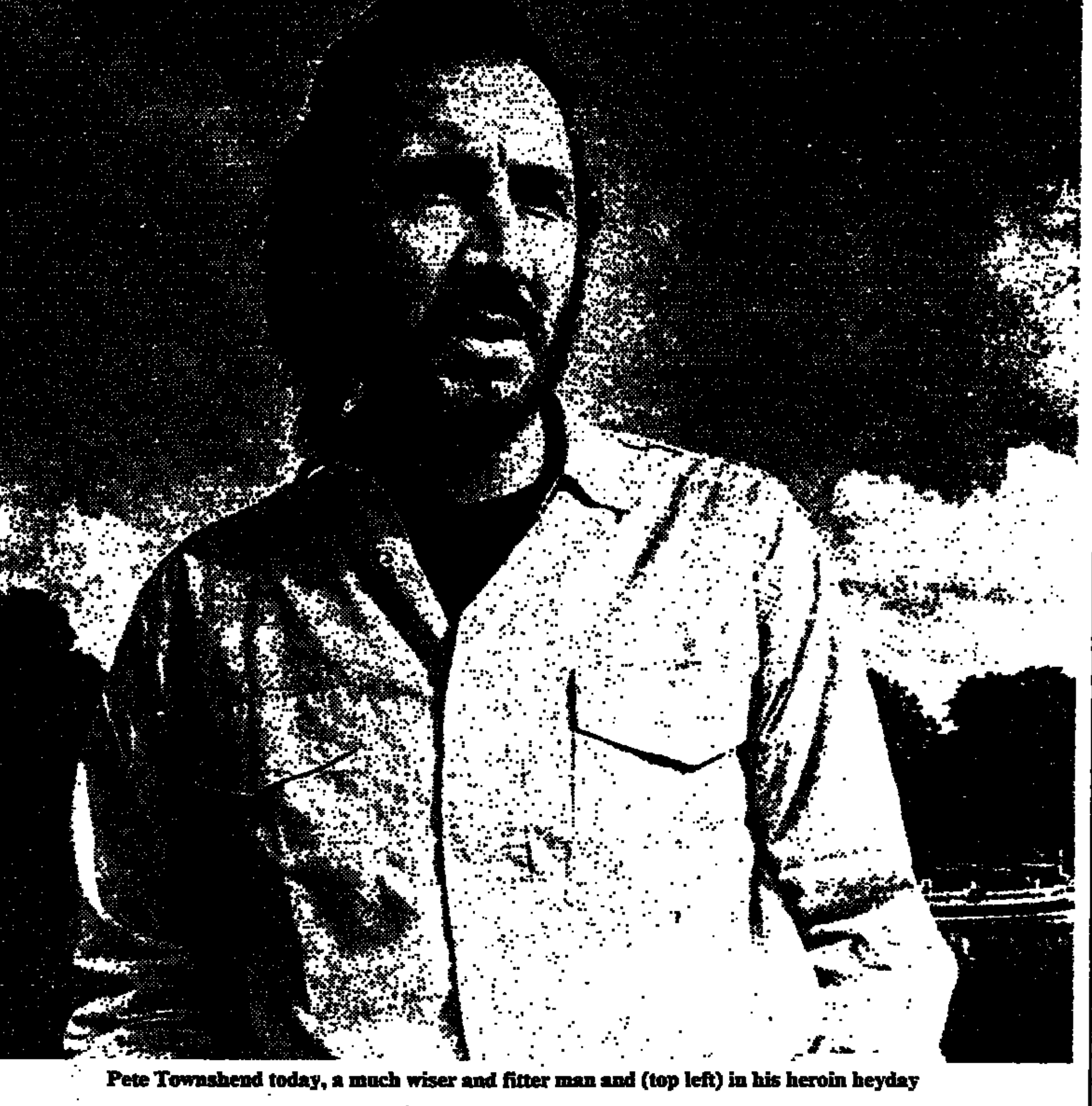
Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

MONDAY PAGE

Tomorrow rock star Pete Townshend of The Who, a cured heroin addict, addresses Young Conservatives at the Tory Party conference. **Bryan Appleyard** reports



My crusade to beat the drug menace



Pete Townshend today, a much wiser and fitter man and (top left) in his heroin heyday

"Heroin is the *pursuit of oblivion* – that's what it's all about." Pete Townshend began that pursuit in 1981, 18 years after the formation of The Who, a rock band which made its name with the celebration of joyous, nihilistic, youthful destruction. Throughout that period he was surrounded by junkies and, to some extent, he still is. But, until 1981, he never felt the need.

"My brush with heroin was actually connected with an alcohol problem", he explains. "People always seem to end up with heroin after passing through other things. In my case it was alcohol.

"I wanted to stop drinking and I was prescribed a drug called Ativan, a slightly hypnotic anti-depressant. Its effects are remarkably similar to heroin. I became very interested in those little blue pills because I realized that by carefully overdoing it with them I could not only stave off depression and jitters but also feel very good.

"After six weeks it stopped working. I started to take higher and higher doses. Well I was enmeshed in a very druggy crowd at the time so it was fairly simple for me to find something which prevented me emotionally falling to bits – and that was heroin. It was very cheap. I began smoking it – I believe smoking is the most instantly addictive. It's such a pervasive, ritualistic experience."

After a brief flirtation with the drug in 1981 Townshend shook the habit by travelling to California to be treated by Dr Meg Patterson, a specialist in drug treatment. He had helped with her work in the past. It involves the use of electrical signals transmitted into the brain which appear to reduce craving and anxiety. Within 20 days he was back in London and off the drug.

His belief in Dr Patterson's methods led him to write to Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, and three months ago he met Fowler and his junior minister, John Patten. Clearly impressed by Townshend's extensive medical and social knowledge about the effect of drugs, Patten invited him to speak at a Young Conservatives meeting tomorrow at the Tory Party conference – a strange venue for a confirmed socialist who believes that Conservative policies are partly to blame for the scale of the drug problem in Britain.

"It's not a problem you can separate from other problems. In this society oblivion is one of the only ways you can find balance because everything seems so frantic, so dangerous. With a right-wing government everything also seems so uncaring. People tend to become absorbed in their own emotional and physical feelings. Most people go to the pub and get wrecked and that's what I did until my liver more or less gave out. I needed these moments of oblivion and when that stopped working I needed to find something else."

But there are twists and turns on the road to oblivion. Townshend is convinced that the heart of the heroin problem lies in the number of misunderstandings about its physical and psychological effects. For one thing he points out that, whereas alcoholism is fairly uniform in its effects, heroin's impact differs widely from one individual to another.

So he is impatient with suggestions from some journalists that becoming addicted is quite difficult.

"It can be uncomfortable to begin with because you're sick quite a lot but you don't really feel anything. I think the real point is that if you're 15 or 16 withdrawal isn't so bad because you're healthy and strong. So you go back. And each time it gets worse until finally it's so bad you can't get off, you're so physically emaciated. When you use heroin you don't feel the need to keep yourself healthy.

"I thought I was going to end up dead. It seems to be an end-of-the-road thing. In my case it was absolute desperation. It was a futile hand-in-the-air gesture. I couldn't do anything to feel good any more. I couldn't even drive from A to B.

"And remember the rock business is privileged in one important respect – you can earn a living in any state. Someone will make sure you get on that stage – someone will be watching to make sure you don't die."

Townshend associates his decline into nearly-terminal alcoholism and heroin with a sudden feeling in the mid-1970s that he had lost his grip. Until then his status in the pop world made him a feared figure. He was not just a musician, he was a spokesman for the band and for disaffected youth. But when punk came along he noticed the rock journalists suddenly talked to him differently – he was no longer at the top, a new generation had superseded him.

The crisis arose at a party in New York. He was drinking steadily when he noticed everybody vanish to the lavatory to take their cocaine.

"I just thought this is ridiculous, I'm actually missing out because I don't use drugs. I made an absolute positive decision to use drugs again." Cocaine, alcohol, Ativan and heroin followed.

But with the help of Dr Patterson he pulled out of the suicidal decline. He now lives and works in Twickenham and has two daughter aged 15 and 13. He is utterly convinced they and their friends are safe because of his experience and knowledge.

"I can spot a junkie a mile off, he says and lists three key areas of symptoms:

- Nodding off. Sudden short, deep sleeps and inability to maintain interest for periods.
- Yellowish skin and dilated pupils.
- Difficulty in holding food down in early stages of addiction combined with a seemingly healthy appetite. Also a general decline in well-being through the day. By the evening early users often appear to have mild 'flu.

And this is his first recommendation to the Young Tories tomorrow. He wants to see parents, teachers and children thoroughly educated to recognize the symptoms – "It makes me confident about being able to help other addicts. If you can recognize an addict you can allow them for the first time in their life to tell the truth. If you've had to resort to that kind of drug there's something you haven't been able to talk about. Every junkie has to lie."

His second demand is more treatment. He sees only two ways: brutal detoxification programmes involving confinement and exercise. The latter is, he reckons, an underrated aid in the whole process.

Secondly there's Dr Patterson's methods which, he is convinced, will ultimately be available as a matter of course from GPs.

Dealing with supply is, he believes, virtually futile. The drug is now an international currency, used by terrorists, full-time dealers or casual emigrants wanting to start off with plenty of cash in a new country.

Apart from a love-hate relationship with tobacco and an addiction to coffee. Townshend is now drug-free. Yet he remains obsessed with the subject. He declined to become involved with a recent campaign among younger pop stars against heroin but with the kind of access to government circles he seems to enjoy, he is clearly able to do more while making less noise about it.

There is one final irony in his case which demonstrates the strange twists and turns involved in any drug-influenced biography.

He is convinced heroin saved his life.

"This is probably the most controversial thing I'll ever say about heroin. If I hadn't become a junkie I would not have gone to Meg Patterson and if I hadn't done that I would be dead. I would have crashed my car, gone back to alcohol, combined with tranquillisers – all the standard ingredients of the drug/alcohol cocktail death story."

Knowing when your child is hooked

Last year, 4,186 families had to accept that their child had become a registered drug addict. As only a very small proportion of the increasing number of the young people who use drugs are registered, in countless other households the misery of living with suspicions, accusations and denials will continue.

"Why are there small spots of blood on Christopher's shirt sleeve?; why is Ann's mood so altered, why has she withdrawn from the family? Is it imagination, or are her pupils narrowed and pinpoint?"

By the time the addict has resorted to stealing from his own, home, to shoplifting, cheque book and credit card forgery, and the girls to prostitution, only the most trusting parent will have failed to spot the diagnosis.

Nobody knows the size of the problem. Professor Griffith Edwards, who holds Britain's only chair in addiction behaviour, at the Maudsley Hospital, dismisses as entirely speculative recent reports which put the number of hard drug users at between 50,000 and 150,000.

He believes it is as much a doctor's duty to say what is not known as what is. He regrets that pressure groups and politicians might exploit this vacuum in medical knowledge by inventing statistics to further their own campaigns.

He says that even when the patient has registered, owing to the dearth of controlled trials, doctors have little knowledge of the best treatment.

If a doctor who sees addicts all day does not know the best treatment, how is a parent with experience of only one case expected to react? Fortunately an organization, Families Anonymous, arranges meetings where parents and families of addicts can derive mutual support and comfort by discussing their surprisingly similar stories.

The organization's value is in easing the burden of guilt which all addicts' parents feel. Families Anonymous believes alcoholism or addiction to other drugs is a disease, and that relief can only stem from permanent and total abstinence. The organization and Narcotics Anonymous, a kindred group for addicts themselves, also teach that parents have to be firm.

But even in the best private clinics, the success rate is only seven to 10 per cent for the most receptive patients.

Dr Maurice Lipsedge, a psychiatrist at Guy's Hospital who is also medical director of the Charter Clinic, in London supports the aims of Narcotics and Families Anonymous and agrees that firmness is important.

He believes that these organizations are an inimitably successful way to encourage and foster this resolve. Once a person has been addicted they will remain vulnerable always.

He is certain that addiction affects people from all social and emotional backgrounds. He does not believe that there is an addictive personality likely to succumb to drugs, and believes that the addicts' preoccupied, socially destructive character, their loss of ambition, selfishness, ruthlessness and dishonesty, are not a cause of addiction, but a symptom.

He is not surprised that many parents have similar personality problems and difficulties with social relationships: they have all had a home riven by the addicts' behaviour.

Dr Lipsedge is very critical of clinics and doctors who aim to maintain addicts on methadone, a heroin substitute, rather than heroin itself. "As a treatment", he says, "that is just about as intelligent as persuading an alcoholic to change from gin to vodka".

Dr Trevor Turner, Lecturer in Psychiatry at St Bartholomew's Hospital, is outspoken in his views based on his clinical experience. He says that although the consequences to the health of an addict are doctors' problems, uncomplicated addiction is not. "The idea that addiction is a disease is a myth. It is disgraceful that parents, politicians and parsons have been able to shift their responsibilities by claiming that the problem is medical.

"In my view the use of heroin is more widespread because it is readily available and comparatively cheap. I agree that there are some 'perfectly normal parents' who have addicted children, but in the main the addicts have either had a poor family background or demanding, anxious and over-involved parents."

Dr Turner thinks that heroin addiction is often a manifestation of an immature personality and rebellion through apathy. Although he agrees that it is impossible to predict who will become an addict, he says that when cases are reviewed retrospectively indications can often be seen.

Professor Edwards's middle line seems to appeal to most doctors. He says that the causes and nature of addiction are multifactorial. There may be a biological element, perhaps differences will be demonstrated in the neurotransmitter systems of the brain.

A postgraduate student, formerly prominant in national student politics, told *The Times* that some of his university friends take marijuana or cocaine, but heroin is unfashionable, the drug for failures and misfits. He believes they start by seeing it as a romantic gesture.

However much doctors may debate technicalities they all agree that unless the Government reduces availability, unless parents acknowledge that the well being of their children must be the family priority and until and judiciary appreciates that dealers are nearly always users and therefore consumate liars, no amount of medical care will stop addicts growing thinner as profiteers grow fatter.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Heroin: the facts

The British share of a thriving international heroin black market is reported to be worth £200m annually. With a street value of £60,000 a kilogram, middle men divide between them profits of more than 1,000 per cent.

There is a direct relationship between availability, cost and the number of addicts. The price is now lower than ever before – £10 will buy enough heroin to keep an established addict satisfied for 24 hours, less than his parents would spend on a bottle of malt whisky.

Although the number of addicts is unknown, the statistics of registered addicts give an indication of trends. In 1973, 807 former addicts registered and 508 new names were added.

In 1983, 1,678 old addicts were joined by 4,186 recruits. Fortunately the death rate has not shown a corresponding increase. In 1973, 55 addicts died directly from addiction; in 1983 there were 78 deaths.

Addiction will have played a part in the deaths of many times this number. Fifteen years ago it was estimated that 10 per cent of addicts died annually. Now the figure is thought to be 2 to 3 per cent.

The lower death rate from heroin, smack or H in users' parlance, may be due, in part, to the changing method of using heroin. More is taken by sniffing the powder – snorting; or by "chasing the dragon", inhaling the fumes after the powdered heroin has been melted over heated oven foil or on a thin tin lid; less through intravenous injection – mainlining.

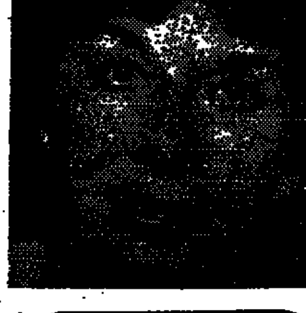
Dirty needles with traces of other addicts' blood left on them are responsible for spreading hepatitis B septicaemia. It seems probable that when AIDS is established in the heterosexual as well as homosexual community, it too will be spread in this way.

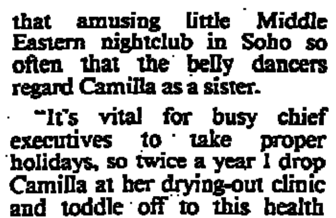
Heroin dealing has links with organized crime in general and prostitution in particular. Prostitution is a ready way for women to make money needed to service their addiction.

Addicts, when they give up heroin, describe it as "coming clean". At this time they experience "cold turkey", usually, according to some doctors little worse than, and similar to, an attack of influenza.

Useful addresses:
Families Anonymous, 88 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DN, Tel 01-278 8805; **Narcotics Anonymous**, PO Box 246, London SW10, Tel 01-871 0505. There are groups in Bristol, Liverpool, Portsmouth, Glasgow, Dublin and Essex.
Some of the clinics:
Broadway Lodge, Old Mixon Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon, BS24 9NN: Patient does not have to be referred by a GP. Money back for PPP, BUPA, Western Provident Association. Basic cost approx £95 per day: includes treatment, medical care etc. Registered charity. Length of stay average 43 days (95 x 43 = £4085). Waiting list 3 or 4 days!
The Charter Clinic, Chelsea and Hampstead, London; professional charges plus hotel charges; **Galsworthy House**, Roehampton; **Broadreach House**, Nr Plymouth.
NHS: The larger teaching hospitals. All areas have a drug dependence clinic.

The many parts of a man on the make





PENNY PERRICK

The new magazine, *Working Woman*, has been criticized for "a lack of understanding of those of us who want our development properly recognized" (Carol Sarler, *Marketing Week*). Miss Sarler also complains that the magazine does not apply itself to the special problems of women in business.

How unfair, since week in, week out, publications devoted to working *men* – *The Economist*, the *Financial Times* and the business supplements of Sunday newspapers – consistently fail to highlight the unique problems facing *their* readership.

The time has surely come for a magazine reflecting the businessman's needs, so wilfully ignored by existing media. A magazine, for example, like *Man on the Make*.

I have been lucky enough to obtain a sneak preview reading of this proposed publication, whose launch is set to coincide with the eve of this autumn's CBI conference, and in the interests of readers of this column, memorized the first ever *Man on the Make* centrefold interview in its entirety. Here it is.

Our very first Man on the Make is Mr Brillo Calculating of Calculating Enterprises Inc. Mr Calculating is a graduate of the National School of Psychological Warfare, where he obtained a first in Office Politics, a course he advocates with enthusiasm: "Forget about an MBA from the Harvard Business School, it's never got anyone into the right golf club yet."

Can a brilliantly successful man like Calculating still find time for important personal relationships? "Good heavens, yes. In fact, it's vital to be able to switch off completely at the end of the working day. That's why I and my wife, Lady Camilla Calculating, make a point of spending evenings together, either giving intimate dinner parties for about 20 people – the chairman of the board, the director of our merchant bank and other close associates – or relaxing by spending the time with overseas clients.

"We must have seen *Cats* about ninety times by now and we've sat at the front table of that amusing little Middle Eastern nightclub in Soho so often that the belly dancers regard Camilla as a sister.

"It's vital for busy chief executives to take proper holidays, so twice a year I drop Camilla at her drying-out clinic and toddle off to this health farm run by Mrs Voluptua Wobble.

"A few days of drinking my gin with Perrier instead of the usual tonic really bucks up the system and, over the years, I've made some very useful contacts in the massage room.

"In fact, the deal to build a 50-storey leisure centre in the Sudan was clinched when the contractor, Billy Breezeblock, and I were undergoing one of Mrs Wobble's deep-acting seaweed treatments."

Does he have any fashion tips for the working man? "Certainly. It is essential to be properly turned out and, however busy you are, you should always find the time to remind your wife or your chauffeur to take your suits to the cleaner regularly.

"I disapprove of wearing a lot of jewelry at work but a diamond tie-pin does inspire confidence, especially if the stone is five-carat or more.

"My secretary, Lavinia, keeps me in good working order; she'll always give my shoes an extra shine before I go off to an important lunch and keeps a supply of spare shirt buttons on her computer console.

"It's girls like Lavinia that keep the City ticking over. Sadly, she's a dying breed. Some of the young women who apply for jobs here are totally useless. Can't sew on buttons, can't be trusted to go out and buy your wife an anniversary present, can't even make a decent cup of coffee.

"I don't know what the secretarial schools are teaching them these days."

To what does Calculating attribute his stunning rise from nightclub bouncer to chief executive, all by the age of 27¾?

"Luck, mainly", he says modestly. "The turning point in my career came when Lord Lushly, founder of Lushly's Falloff Lorries Ltd, came storming into the golf club because his partner had inconsiderately had a fatal heart attack at the ninth hole.

"I took his place and as a thank-you gesture his lordship gave me his daughter to marry. It all sort of took off from there."

Had he ever thought of learning Japanese or creating a computer learning system like Jennifer Coutt-Clay, the subject of *Working Woman* magazine's first profile? "I think we can safely leave that sort of thing to the ladies, God bless 'em", he said with a twinkle.

Correction

Insecticide shampoos should not be used as a preventive measure against head lice (Medical Briefing, October 5).

THE TIMES DIARY

Blowing the whistle

Leslie Curtis, chairman of the Police Federation, received help in drafting his controversial speech last week which claimed the Labour conference had "indulged in an orgy of police bashing" and doubted whether the police could work properly under a Labour government. The help came not from Tory Central Office, as one might suspect, but from a Labour member of the GLC. His name is Tony Judge, and he is the federation's PRO. It was "a mutually collaborative effort", admits Judge, but he denies there is any conflict of loyalty: "I seem to be the one member of the party who actually espouses police causes". He deplores picket line violence, resents Labour's depiction of the police as "thugs and fascists" and is "appalled that it's virtually impossible to get a hearing for the police inside the Labour party". There is "a case to be made for the police", he says "and I *am proud to be able to make it*".

Home truth

Niall Sookoo, a delegate from Lewisham East, would not tell the Labour conference on Friday the name of a Labour MP he accused of having business links with South Africa, despite the promptings of conference chairman Eric Heffer. All he would say is that the name appeared in a recent *Times* article. No wonder he is reticent. The MP is his own John Silkin, chairman of a company called Arena Consortium which, as I revealed in the Diary on July 31, has bought control of Wembley Stadium with money borrowed from Standard Chartered Bank. Standard, which also advises Arena, is one of South Africa's big two banks and regularly has dealings with the Pretoria government. According to Sookoo, any MP with South African links should resign immediately – which would at least solve Silkin's deselection problems.

Combined op

There will be no peace for delegates to this week's Tory conference. Appalled that there will be no specific debate on nuclear weapons, CND plans to attack from land, sea and air. At different times a light aircraft trailing the slogan "Trident Would Cost Us the Earth" will buzz Brighton seafront, a 100ft "submarine" daubed "Trident Is Sinking" will rise from the sea opposite the conference centre, and Bruce Kent will lead his troops to a rally by the Palace Pier. At the latter CND will unveil the latest addition to its armoury: Air Commodore Alastair Mackie, CBE, DFC, a convert making his first appearance on a major *CND* platform.

Unneedled

There is more than meets the eye in the decision to include a debate on heroin and solvent abuse on the Tory conference agenda this week. I am told that the agenda sub-committee was hoping to provoke Marc Glendenning, the embarrassingly right-wing chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students, into a damaging public statement of his libertarian belief that heroin should be legalized. The committee will be disappointed. Glendenning will not be flushed out. He tells me he finds the subject dull and would prefer to talk about Ulster.

BARRY FANTONI



'It's times like these that sustain one in one's lack of faith'

Very waggish

The Arts Council refutes suggestions that it is going to the dogs. Indeed, it has just banned the creatures from its Piccadilly headquarters after an employee was bitten by one. This has pleased neither literature director Charles Osborne nor personnel director Carol Harris because their dogs – Asta and Archibald – were wont to accompany them to work. "It's very unfair," growled Osborne. "Everyone loved Asta. He was known as William Rees-Dogg because of his impeccable manners."

Spot luck

Are Arthur Scargill's supporters the subject of covert surveillance by Government agencies? One of Mrs Thatcher's special advisers at No 10 had the bright idea of attending a miners' rally in London to assess for himself Scargill's charisma and the men's mood. Disguised as a threadbare NUM supporter, he duly mingled and made mental notes. The next day he was summoned by his Downing Street superiors, informed he had been "spotted", and given a Thatcher-style dressing down for irresponsibility. "Anyone would have thought I'd been there to assassinate Scargill, not listen to him," the culprit confided. **PHS**

Blighted hope that must be revived

by Jamie Stevenson

Most Tories believe one of the Thatcher Government's key achievements has been council house sales. By the next general election, well over a million council tenants will have bought their homes. The number of council tenants will have fallen from a third to a quarter of the population.

These statistics are applauded at Tory party conferences. But many involved in housing - of all political views - believe the Government's housing policy is not the unparalleled success it is claimed to be.

At this year's conference, questions will be asked about the 5.5 million council dwellings still unsold. A motion will be proposed, and almost certainly carried, urging the Government to do something about the vast acreage of unsaleable council flats. For there is clear concern that housing policy should do more than convert existing tenants into home owners; it should also provide better homes for tomorrow's *households*.

The 1983 Tory manifesto talked about making Britain "the best housed nation in Europe," implying expenditure on home improvements and new homes. The money does not have to come out of the public purse. Council house sales winkle out private money not just for purchase but maintenance and improvement.

Generous improvement grants in Sir Geoffrey Howe's 1982 Budget set off a renovation boom at a time when the sale of new homes was shooting ahead. Yet overall, total investment in housing in the past five years is 30 per cent lower than a decade ago.

That statistic highlights the plight of tenants stranded in unsaleable tower blocks, many in run-down inner-city areas. Conservatives know they cannot leave this problem untouched. Whoever was responsible for putting them up, the Government has a residual responsibility for dealing with such a massive social disaster.

The Chancellor's spending squeeze effectively rules out greater public spending, so the Government's formula has inevitably lain in private enterprise. Construction companies, in small numbers, have been encouraged to convert the blighted blocks into attractive homes. This can work with stunning success. In Minster Court, Liverpool, buyers rushed for well landscaped flats in what had been a vandalized estate.

Projects like that create further success. An enterprise was started last year to convert the 3,500-dwelling Cantrill Farm estate, near Merseyside, into an attractive village, with banks, building society, builder and Labour borough in enthusiastic partnership.

Then came the imposition of VAT on building extensions and refurbishment. In his enthusiasm for tax reform, the Chancellor stopped the Government's inner-city home ownership drive in its tracks. Private developers buying blighted council estates for improvement immediately suffered a 15 per cent addition to their costs. These schemes always had low margins and high risk. The VAT decision finally tipped the scales against them.

Ironically, the Treasury actually set the new VAT technical rules to favour local authorities rather than private developers, permitting local authorities to recover all their VAT costs on redevelopment. The new imposition is a death blow to private enterprise involvement.

Public money will be needed to make private inner-city refurbishment schemes viable again. Conservative distaste for words like "intervention", "grant" and "pump-priming" will have to be disregarded. Projects will either have to be funded directly through local authorities who recover VAT or additional development grants will be required to attract more private capital into this previously blighted market.

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Sarah Hogg urges a radically new outlook by a Cabinet going stale

Wanted: less secrecy, new ideas

Cast your mind back six months. Nigel Lawson was on the crest of the wave of enthusiasm that greeted his first Budget; Sir Geoffrey Howe, his predecessor, was labouring under the unrewarding burdens of foreign affairs and the depressing recollection that as Chancellor he never had it so good.

The wicked impermanence of politics almost inevitably decreed that come the Conservative party conference the Hero of Hongkong should be riding high, while his successor at the Treasury should be in difficulties. The Tory party as a whole, however, should address itself to a more serious issue than the see-sawing reputations of its two top ministers, and that is its excessive dependence on the Chancellor and his Treasury team to generate the radical new policies needed.

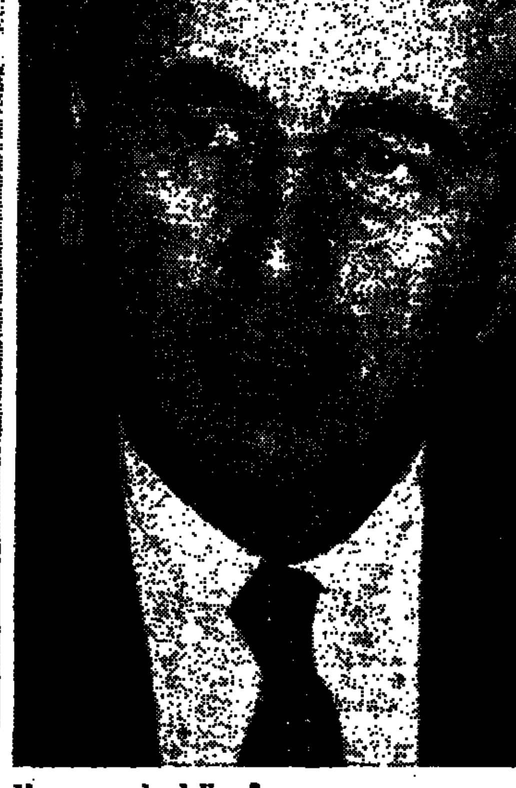
To some extent, this was inevitable. In office, and still more in a second term of office, advisory talent becomes absorbed into the machinery of government. The inclusion of David Young in the cabinet is a sublime example of the government urge to draw in advisers rather than open up public discussion. Party research departments wither in office, or attach themselves to the lifeblood of official business.

It is, just the same, a dangerous trend. Lawson has marked himself down as a chancellor who believes in a whole variety of micro-economic improvements as the route to economic revival, higher output and employment. The dire unemployment figures and signs of weakness in the output recovery suggest that if he is to prove his point, he had better start travelling rather fast.

But what does Lawson's micro-economic revolution add up to? We know, of course, that he is concerned to widen the Government's attack on wage costs. Even after allowing for inflation wages have been rising faster than the underlying increase in productivity in the economy as a whole, which Lawson sees as a brake on employment.

Beyond the normal autumn exhortation, intended to influence the climate of the new pay round, David Young has obviously been drawn in from the Manpower Services Commission to the heart of government to propose specific measures designed to lower employment costs – particularly the cost of employing the young. But what is the Chancellor's role in all this?

Occasionally it does become clear that something is hatching in Great George Street. We know that the Chancellor needs to find a new way of stimulating recovery, short of overt reflation. A fall in interest rates this week would certainly cheer up the Tory conference, and make Lawson's autumn economic forecast look brighter: but as a tool of expansion it has proved unreliable, easily bent by international forces outside Lawson's control.

Lawson: in need of advice. Young: can he deliver?

So, for his 1985 Budget, the Chancellor needs an addition to the list of indirect stimuli used by this government, such as the abolition of hire purchase controls or the change in capital allowances. At the same time, he must live up to his infant reputation as a tax-reforming Chancellor. Discussion of both these issues is likely to be withdrawn further and further behind the walls of pre-Budget secrecy by a government neurotically determined to prevent a repetition of last year's leaks.

This anxiety is misplaced. After the event, it became clear that rumours of tax changes had not had a significant effect on financial behaviour, the usual reason for condemning Budget leaks. Trouble could anyway be avoided by early publication of a range of options; and before Lawson embarks on wholesale reform of VAT or income tax, that is precisely what he should provide.

At present, he is getting the worst of all worlds. His own public answers, which talk vaguely of the need to improve labour and product markets, sound ludicrously thin. At best, they seem to consist of a post-hoc justification of the Government's privatization programme, or coded support for the battle against union power – all very well in its way, but not precisely pregnant with promise of future action.

Meanwhile, stories abound of wicked Treasury plots to tax this and that. Take, most significantly, the question of the taxation of child benefit. This should form part of a major overhaul of the overlapping tax and social security systems – a prime target for Lawson's reforming zeal. Such revision as is actually going on, however, is being done by the Department of Health and Social Security and is mainly designed to achieve a more streamlined version of the existing benefits system. The Treasury cannot inject the odd tax notion into this process without provoking ill-informed public resistance. It should be the lead manager of reform.

But that means preparation of something more than a Budget secret or two: a full-scale green paper on taxation and benefit reform. Such was the method by which Lord *Barber progressed. in the early* 1970s, towards a tax-credit system – the most under-appreciated initiative of the ill-fated Heath government.

Since the early 1970s, both fashions and finance have changed; and Lawson's income tax reform should be very different, directed particularly towards the enhancement of work incentives. Yet today's Tory party seems singularly lacking in radical reformers urging wholesale change on the Chancellor. In part this is because the defeat of the "wets" in the macroeconomic battle of the early 1980s has turned the traditionally radical wing of the Tory party from the initiation of ideas to the obstruction of a government it mistrusts. We are therefore left to rely too much on the part-exhausted energies of an administration retreating into second-term secrecy.

Gambling on a £425,000 opening gambit

Hit musicals rarely enter the world perfectly formed. To take only one example, *On Your Toes* was falling to pieces on a North American tour in the 1930s when Rodgers and Hart called in George Abbott, one of Broadway's greatest stage medics, to put it back together.

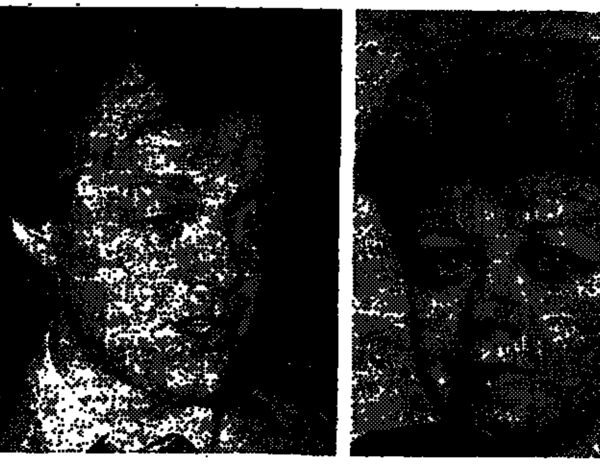
A new work by Tim Rice, Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus – the latter pair are the male half of the Swedish pop group Abba – takes the better-late-than-never notion further than normal.

An on-the-road tryout for *Chess*, the story of an East-West confrontation between two grandmasters, begins at the Barbican on December 27. In the space of six days, it will involve transporting the London Symphony Orchestra, a 50-piece choir, rock band, and three lead singers, among them Elaine Page, to Paris, Amsterdam, Hamburg and Stockholm.

The economics are even more daunting. The one London concert has been sold out on the strength of a small ad; but even if every seat is sold on the continental tour, the exercise stands to lose £425,000.

Rice and his Swedish colleagues are, of course, wealthy men. Rice's most recent musical, *Blondel*, written with Stephen Oliver, may have collapsed in the West End earlier this year £400,000 in the red – Rice personally losing £50,000 – but that one flop is unlikely to worry the writer of *Evita* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

As for Andersson and Ulvaeus, they, with the female half of Abba, have regularly tied with Volvo for the title of Sweden's top foreign currency earner. Even so, they and Rice have spent £400,000 on making the two-record album of *Chess* and could be forgiven for thinking that should be the limit of their financial exposure at this stage.




Rice: 'No money in touring unless you're a one-man band or playing Vegas'. Right, lead singer Elaine Page

Enter the unlikely figure of Saab-Scania, the car and aerospace company, which has announced it will make up every penny of the expected £425,000 loss.

"Without Saab, we couldn't have done it," says Rice. "We wanted to hear the show performed live before an audience, but the cost would have been too much. You can't really make money out of touring unless you're a one-man band or you're playing Vegas."

Commercial sponsorship of opera and orchestral concerts has become commonplace, but in Europe, anything with a "pop" label is generally ignored – unlike the US, where The Who and the Rolling Stones have made sponsored tours.

So what's in it for Saab? "I think they're making some sort of thrust with a new car and are taking a small proportion of the tickets to be given to people they want to impress."

Chess is being launched on the same lines as *Evita*. Records will be released to gauge the public's reaction and to arouse interest. Only then will a search for backers begin and a stage cast be assembled.

Rice believes that *Chess* will know its fate shortly after Christmas. If everything looks promising, the curtain could go up in London or Broadway by the end of 1985 – "that's the quickest we could do it. We have to find a production staff, stars, a theatre."

The end product *may* bear little resemblance to the present outline. Rice says that "a fair bit" of *Evita* was changed before the opening. After the response to the records and the live performances is assessed, the odds must be that *Chess* faces the prospect of heavy reworking.

"We're totally flexible – we're not saying this is *Chess* and it cannot be changed. You could not stick it on stage as it is at the moment."

The idea of a stage musical about a chess match written by an Englishman and two Swedes and backed, initially, by a Scandinavian car firm, sounds a bit off beam. But who would have thought there was a multi-million pound international hit in the story of the wife of a South American dictator?

Chess will need a hit single early on, and it might well have one. Some of the songs drifting out of Rice's office stereo bear the Abba hallmark, notably a duet between *Barbara Dickson and Elaine Page* which could almost have been the Scandinavian group itself, shorn of its Euro-pop accent. Rice is anxious to point out that other numbers bear no resemblance. What do they sound like? "You would guess they are by an excellent composer who had heard Abba."

David Hewson

Anne Sofer

Why the non-block blacks are right

Those of us who have left the Labour Party in the last five years derived a special enjoyment from the Blackpool spectacle last week. "Just think", someone remarked, "if only we'd played our cards right we could have been there now!" And an appreciative guffaw went up. Where *in the world* would we *rather not* be than back in that comrade-stabbing, block-voting, leader-heckling, Yankee-hating, police-bashing, yah-booing, law-breaking bedlam?

But the knocking copy has already been written and readers will have had a bellyfull of Sunday paper "Whither Labour?" think pieces. I intend to leave all that on one side and concentrate on the one really good debate that took place, that on "black sections", and the various *constitutional proposals to guarantee* black representation within the Labour Party structure. The debate – largely presented by blacks and Asians on both sides of the argument – had a relevance well beyond the Labour Party itself: it was about how we, as a nation, see ourselves as a multi-racial society.

The speakers against black sections – who won by a large majority – spoke the language of integration, harmony, unity, minimization of difference. They had all achieved status, as councillors and trade union office holders, within the Labour Party as it was, and felt insulted by the proposal that special arrangements should be made for them because of skin colour, and suspicious at any hint that they should give differential loyalty to the black community. They spoke with authority and self-confidence and they looked like what they were, *pillars of a multi-racial* society.

They probably gave to the largely white television audience a friendly, warm, approving feeling, not untouched with complacency. All of them, interestingly, came from outside London – a fact that elicited a sharp anti-London jibe from one. (Nothing could have given a stronger impression of black integration than to hear the classical national conference taunt of "All-you - trendy - Londoners - thinking-you-run-the-country".)

By contrast, the speakers *for* black sections spoke like frustrated outsiders. They wore T-shirts with slogans and their average age was a good 10 years younger than their opponents': most of them – yes, it is true – came from London and spoke in born-British London accents; but their message for that largely white audience out there was not comfortable at all. It was a stream of accusation – oppression! racism! betrayal!– Only through separate organizations and separate rights of representation, they felt, would they ever get justice.

Any Londoner active in politics or community affairs is aware of this rising separatist tide, not just among black activists but in other sections of the community too. It is a tendency that is both encouraged and exploited by the London left who hope to harness to their cause the frustration of the various groups. Their calculation, that people are most easily politicized through their own identification with an oppressed group, may in the end produce a political style that is less like a lady in a pink tu-tu effortlessly controlling eight circus horses while she performs acrobatic feats, than a terrified ringmaster holding on for dear life as he tries to ride several tigers.

The problem with separatism is that those it attracts often have an *insatiable appetite for it*. A women's centre, for instance, setting up a separate "women's space", finds that a lesbian faction within it, crying "heterosexist intimidation", demands a separate lesbian space, only to encounter black lesbians crying "racism", who insist on meeting separately, and so on . . .

Despite that, and my gut-reaction prejudice against separatism and preference for the sober-suited advocates of integration, I have to admit that the "black sections" proponents have a point.

From their point of view, the Labour Party constitution is no different from any other manifestation of "institutional racism" (like the Civil Service or the judiciary) in that it makes it effectively impossible for black people to arrive at the top within the near future. With white men, for historical reasons, dominating Parliament and the *unions, and with the PLP and the* unions dominating the National Executive Committee, what hope is there – without special arrangements – of seeing a non-white face on the conference platform before the end of the century? There comes a point where the juxtaposition of anti-discriminatory rhetoric and discriminatory appearance produce such anger and suspicion that the arrangements that perpetuate it have to be changed.

In the SDP, our first round of elections to the National Committee, two years ago, produced a membership which was – in race if not yet in sex terms – representative of the whole population. We like to think that this was as a result of the natural operation of a postal ballot, one member one vote, and proportional representation. Whether our present round of elections gets it right again remains to be seen. If it does not, I hope we will do something about it more quickly than the Labour Party appears willing to.

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Howard Jacobson

A good time now you've gone

They have gone! Not just the height-of-season marauders from the North, the Visigoths and Vandals with their brute insatiate young – most of those have been gone for a whole month – but the September people, the childless couples, the honeymooners, the runaways, the claustrophobics and misanthropists, the gradient-starved Dutch, the marvelling Australians (always uncertain as to whether Cornwall is still England), the erotic pilgrims, the literary junkies (high on topography and allusion), and those who cannot afford to be recognized, *the rectors of theological* colleges and presenters of children's television programmes, conspicuous in dark glasses and low company. Gone – the lot of them.

October brings a more austere breed of visitor in climbing boots and rucksacks, too poor to buy anything, too principled, and too encumbered. Once they have arrived the season can be accounted over.

So what damage has been done? Despite the warnings of the National Trust who would like to close all but the middle of the country to holidaymakers, the cliffs are still *here*. Those farms which run to the very edges of the land have *not* yet crumbled into the sea under the weight of tourism. And the worms haven't been trampled to death either, thanks partly to their having spent the dry summer buried deep, like the rest of us, in search of some refreshment. But as ever it is *the* human cost that must be counted, and as ever *that* has been high.

I am not referring now to the merely occupational hazards of seasonal business, such as the uncontrollable shaking of the hands which every year at this time afflicts the village potter, or the arthritic seizure of the joints which enforces a six months' winter recuperation in Samoa on the candy floss spinner. I myself, come to that, have almost *lost the power of speech after* a summer spent explaining that there is no castle, that the water wheel doesn't turn anything, and that the next bus out won't be for another fortnight - but I wouldn't complain. Not when there is so much more serious suffering all around me.

"Think of Jean and Arthur," I tell the juddering potter, in the hope of bringing him some comfort. "They've served fifteen thousand cream teas in the last four months. That's fifteen thousand each of cups, saucers, spoons, plates, and teapots that they've washed. That's thirty thousand scones they've baked. It's no wonder they're splitting up."

Try counselling a potter. "I've thrown a hundred thousand mugs myself," he tells me.

For a moment I think he is alluding to immoderate destruction. Then I remember potters' patois. I shrug. If we are merely going to compete over numbers I am perfectly prepared to enter the lists with how many times I was asked whether the village letter box was ever emptied. But he is not finished. "Do you know, they watch me at the wheel for hours, up to my elbows in clay, and then, before they buy, they want to know if I make the pots myself."

It's not just the potter; there is reason to believe that the imbecility of the English holidaymaker is on the increase. Three times in August I was asked whether the harbour was at the top of the hill or at the bottom. "Do the tides come in or out on this coast?" asked another.

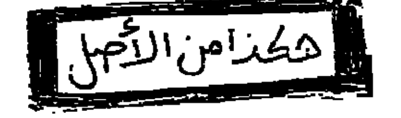
But the most startling examples of deterioration in the nation's mental health have been observable in the humdrum area of daily commercial transaction. No one who has worked behind a counter for more than five minutes can be in any doubt as to the essentially hysterical nature of shopping; leaving aside need, there are only three motives for spending money: marital *spite*, *taedium vitae*, and a desire (no sooner satisfied than regretted) to establish relations with the shopkeeper. All this is well known, especially to those who make their living selling trinkets and geejaws by the seaside.

What is new, though, is the rate at which these neurotic purchases are now being returned. Almost everything that has been bought down here this year has been brought back. Some of us have even taken to *refunding* money on used postcards; if the customer's family doesn't like the view, who *are* we to argue? The feeling in the village is that 1985 will see the regurgitation of the cream tea, three days after ingestion, as the latest weapon in the consumer's battle never to have to pay for what he might no longer like.

How far this is responsible for the number of business couples now seriously discussing separation, it is difficult to say. A good season can be *as much* a marriage breaker as a poor one. There is nothing like too much money or too little for turning the thoughts of chefs and hoteliers to higher things.

My own thoughts, now that the water in the harbour is getting higher and the more astute seabirds have hopped it to a warmer place, are turning increasingly to the recreations of the city. This is supposed to be the time of year when one rewards oneself for what one has endured all summer, reclaiming the valley and the lanes and of course the cliffs, before they finally do shave off into the Atlantic. But I have a yen to get back among the pressing crowds. The country in winter is no place to keep one's hand in at misanthropy

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OPPORTUNITY MISSED

Public horse-trading of the sort that led to Friday's skimpy White Paper on airline competition policy invites the kind of cynical immediate response it has received. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Transport Secretary, was caught between conflicting demands for greater long-term competition and for the speedy privatization of British Airways at a good price. He has made little attempt to disguise his capitulation in the face of the powerful practical and political arguments and much skilful and insistent lobbying on behalf of British Airways. Mr Ridley and his officials have instead attempted to achieve by other means the main intentions of the boost to competition promoted by the Civil Aviation Authority in a study the Transport Secretary himself commissioned last December.

Even on the test of fulfilling the main aims of the CAA report however – and these intentions have the full backing of the Transport Secretary – the White Paper proposals emerge as little more than a superficial sop to competition, enough for political speechwriters to claim action but probably not enough to achieve any lasting benefits of greater competition to consumers.

By far the most solid action is to transfer highly profitable monopolistic Saudi Arabian routes from British Airways to British Caledonian in exchange for unprofitable or as yet unexploited routes. This beefs up British Caledonian financially, answering the CAA's aim of building an alternative world-scale airline, without cutting British Airways' route structure, which accounts for four fifths of scheduled services. However, the change will if anything narrow British Caledonian's potential and make its higher profits more vulnerable. Moreover, an integral part of the CAA's plan was to enhance the role of Gatwick, British Caledonian's base, to act as an alternative hub-and-spoke network in competition with BA's base at Heathrow. The White Paper proposals will rather detract from it.

This hub-and-spoke idea, so central to encouraging international airline competition in the United States, lay behind the CAA proposal to transfer BA's international flights from the leading provincial airports to other independent airlines. Instead the White Paper compromise envisages British Airways subsidizing such airlines with facilities and £7 million of cash to develop new international routes. This is an extraordinary proposal, confirming the other independents as mere tick birds riding on BA's back and acknowledging its ability to generate monopoly profits.

But the Transport Secretary also faced provincial opposition to BA's withdrawal. The more vociferous pressure groups clearly valued the status of BA international flights and existing jobs higher than the stopper placed by BA dominance on the potential but uncertain emergence of Manchester and Birmingham as more than tertiary international airports. The test will come in arguments over the third London airport, to which BA is implacably opposed. Only in the unlikely event of BA switching from its championship of a fifth terminal at Heathrow to further development of Birmingham and Manchester, will BA's present victory be justified.

The one area in which the White Paper proposals fully agree with the CAA is in the need for experimental deregulation of UK domestic air fares and new provincial routes. But the CAA is now doubtful. Given the failure to curb British Airways dominance, it believes deregulation might actually hinder long-term competition.

The White Paper proposals fail on the test of promoting long-term competition. They represent another opportunity lost in the cause of maximizing the proceeds of privatization almost exactly in the manner of the new rules for British Telecom.

There seems no reason to doubt Mrs Thatcher's and therefore the Cabinet's genuine desire to enhance competition within the economy in order to improve efficiency and consumer choice. But the rhetoric is becoming more empty. This is most noticeable in the privatization programme, but also in the narrow Whitehall interpretation of the revised guidelines to judge mergers on a more purely competitive test. Priority for competition seems reserved for situations where there is a likely benefit to the government revenue or expenditure as in bus subsidies, warship-building, National Health Service or local authority procurement. The taxpayer as individual consumer is still subordinated to the corporatist principle of giving successful commercial organizations a free hand.

It is not too late to bring a more balanced sense of priorities to implementing the privatization programme. At present, the Treasury view dominates from its central position dealing with a variety of sponsoring departments. A small central co-ordinating body involving outside industrialists as well as a spread of departmental ministers could bring more consistent industrial and competitive tests.

HERR HONECKER'S GERMANY

As the troops and bands and slogan-chanting crowds marched through the centre of East Berlin this weekend to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the German Democratic Republic, one spectator recalled the wry remark of a Polish intellectual: "The Poles will subvert any system, but the Germans will make any system work." East Germany is closer than any other East European State to a working model of the Marxist Leninist system. Indeed in some respects it is closer than the Soviet Union.

The Socialist Unity Party practises "democratic centralism" while playing "a leading role" in society very much as Lenin ordered. Agriculture is fully collectivized. Industry is still largely run by Soviet-type central command planning, rather than Hungarian-style decentralized enterprise. And yet it works.

Whether because of its system, as Herr Erich Honecker claimed on Saturday, or in spite of its system, as most western economists argue, East Germany is today among the world's top ten industrial nations. The official claim of 5 per cent growth this year is certainly exaggerated, but the GDR has apparently managed to maintain the levels of supplies to its own consumers, despite increased demands from Comecon, higher Soviet prices for energy and raw materials, and heavy hard currency debt repayments to the West. This is one reason why the Honecker regime enjoys a degree of popular acceptance which its Polish neighbour can only dream of. But it is not the only reason.

This weekend the GDR has been remarkably free with its use of the adjective "German" in striking contrast to a decade ago when the word was almost banned from the official vocabulary. Erich Honecker used the phrase "on German soil" no less than five times in his keynote speech. The famous equestrian statue of Frederick the Great is back on Unter den Linden and even Otto von Bismarck has been partially rehabilitated.

The state appeals to its citizens as consumers, but also increasingly as Germans. Clearly this is a dangerous game, since to the West there is another Germany, more prosperous and free, about which most East Germans are well informed. But in pointing eastward, the regime can successfully appeal to national pride.

Even the casual visitor to East Germany often leaves with the impression that it is somehow "more German" than the Federal Republic. And there are aspects of this persistent Germanness in social life and political culture as well as in outward appearances which work to the advantage of the party-state.

All generalizations about national character are dangerous, but few people would dispute that the popular aspiration to democracy and self-government has been less prominent in German history than in for example, French or Polish history. The Honecker regime can and does constantly appeal to such traditional Prussian virtues as discipline, hard work, punctuality and orderliness. While claiming to be the heir of all the revolutionary democratic and pacific heroes of German history (a very thin red line), the GDR actually draws much of its strength from the other, conservative, undemocratic and militaristic part of its German heritage.

Yet for all its economic success, increased self confidence, and qualified historical legitimacy, the GDR remains painfully insecure. Even as the regimented masses in East Berlin swore loyalty to their Socialist fatherland some 90 East Germans were huddled in the West German Embassy in Prague, desperately asserting their right to leave that fatherland. The Berlin Wall remains the world's most devastating symbol of a state's fear of its own people. And even the head of state cannot travel freely to the West. The man to whom he awarded the Karl Marx Order on Saturday, with protestations of eternal gratitude Andrei Gromyko, was probably instrumental in stopping Herr Honecker's planned visit to West Germany in the larger interests of Soviet foreign policy. Herr Honecker must know that the aspirations of his government are still far from identical with those of its citizens on the one hand and of its Soviet protectors on the other. So East Germany remains at once the most stable and the most insecure of the states of the Soviet bloc.

FREE TRADE IN ART

The British Museum has been given a lot of stick for failing to match the asking price of £5,500,000 for 70 drawings from the Chatsworth collection which were then sold at auction for £21,000,000. It is always galling to turn down the chance to get some desirable object for a quarter of what it afterwards turns out to be worth in a freakish market. If the BM were an institution situated a mile to the east in, say, Lombard Street its directors would be kicking themselves all the way to the bank.

But the museum is not that kind of an animal. It is there to gather, conserve and display collections, not to amass financial assets. The 70 drawings, which had to be taken all or none, included some that would have enhanced the museum's already sumptuous collection of old master drawings, which, taken with other inalienable collections in the country, are of unparalleled quality. The Chatsworth offering en bloc was, in a hard sense, surplus to the museum's requirements. The five-and-a-quarter million pounds it is believed to have been prepared to go to is three times the whole of its annual purchase grant, which has to do for all of the museum's different kinds of collections. It was being assisted by the National Heritage Memorial Fund. But the fund is not bottomless and it, too, has many calls upon it. The decision to break off negotiations, though based on expert appreciation of the market that proved spectacularly wrong, was a perfectly sensible one.

There are now calls for a review of the whole system of controlling the export of works of art. The principle of the system, which goes back to the Waverley committee that reported soon after the war, is to interfere with free trade only if a foreign bid or offer can be matched in value from a domestic quarter, and for long enough to establish whether a matching bid is forthcoming. The system is equitable and has been effective without being absolute. If it is now becoming overwhelmed by the new dollar and the wealth behind it, that is one of those facts of economic life that everyone is expected to recognize and adapt to.

In this connexion the word "heritage" needs to be re-examined. It is easy to see that the Chatsworth collection of old master drawings is part of the heritage of the Cavendish family. It is less easy to see that it is part of the heritage of the nation. Some objects unquestionably answer to that description: Stonehenge, York Minster, and at the more movable end of things the Crown Jewels, the Lincoln Magna Carta of 1215, the Stone of Scone, Turner's "Rain, Speed and Steam."

A new and stricter classification of "heritage" matter might be attempted, confined to things that are both of surpassing beauty, curiosity or interest and tied to these islands by origin, native genius or historical association. Most of it is either immovable or already in safe collections: and whatever is not would be unexportable by discretion exercised at the time. Other masterpieces not answering to those strict criteria could be sold abroad subject to the present restraints. Their loss can be viewed with more equanimity, especially if they go to public collections and especially now that people and works of art on loan move over the globe more freely than ever before.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pooling resources for disaster relief

From Professor H. W. Singer and Dr J. Wood

Sir, Your October 5 edition ("Ethiopian drought puts half a million people under shadow of death") brings up yet again the plight of drought victims in Africa and the efforts of the Save the Children Fund and the UN World Food Programme to alleviate the suffering. However, these appeals have been recurring for some years now, touchingly couched in terms of suffering children.

Voluntary agencies such as SCF respond magnificently to the disasters once they are there, but their funds tend to dwindle when the worst is over – that is, just when follow-up and prevention are most needed. The UN developmental agencies have to wait for the often lengthy processing of government requests before much can be done. Is it not time that all these disparate packages were put together to do something about the type of problem recurrently arising in Ethiopia and elsewhere?

There are now too many cooks with too little broth – Unicef (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the Red Cross, bilateral agencies and a range of voluntary agencies. Has the time not come for the Government, which has already indicated support in principle, to put its weight behind the recent World Bank proposals to create a special supplementary IDA fund for Africa that could enable a pooling of resources and of planning in an operational context, working closely with victims and potential victims of emergencies and all the various agencies?

Similarly, has the time not also come for Unicef, the World Food Programme, UN Disaster Relief etc to be joining forces with IDA (International Development Association) in a single UN humanitarian agency, perhaps divested of some of the usual bureaucracy and as the counterpart of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund?

Yours truly,
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Tory armoury to combat unemployment

From Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for Beckenham (Conservative)

Sir, You are right to say ("Action on jobs", October 5) that "Mr Lawson needs a new armoury of policies for unemployment". Some of these are outlined in the One Nation pamphlet, *Jobs Ahead*, which sets out a range of proposals that are consistent with the Government's medium-term economic strategy.

In fact, new jobs are being created; but the new jobs are swamped by the number of extra school-leavers now entering the job market. As Mrs Thatcher has pointed out, in the next five years the number of new job seekers looking for employment will exceed the number of people reaching the retirement age by 500,000.

Even the Labour Party chief economic spokesman seems to recognize that just cutting the retirement age for men would add a substantial extra burden to the future cost of pensions.

What is needed is a voluntary retirement scheme, which could remain in force until the demographic tide changes in 1989. The Government has already taken a tentative first step down this path with its job release scheme, but this is hedged round with too many restrictions.

The gross cost of a voluntary retirement scheme, which would ease 500,000 people out of employment or off the rolls of the unemployed, would be £1,250m, but the net cost would be very much lower.

At the same time, Nigel Lawson and Tom King have both stressed the importance of young people pricing themselves into the job market. The Government could make its own contribution to this by cutting the employers' National Insurance contribution for young workers under 20.

Nigel Lawson has already cut this tax on jobs in his first Budget. If we accept that youth unemployment is the major social problem which we face, it seems sensible to concentrate further cuts in the employers' contribution on young people.

But Nigel Lawson and Tom King are surely right to stress the importance of not pricing ourselves out of the market. As I note in *Jobs Ahead*, "in the period 1973-82, British industrial workers' real hourly earnings went up by 10 per cent and total British employment went down by seven per cent: simultaneously in America industrial workers' real hourly earnings went down by 11 per cent and total American employment went up by 16 per cent." The lesson is plain.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
House of Commons.
October 5.

Due respect for peat bog man

From Dr Joan J. Taylor

Sir, Mr Ben Stocker (October 4) raises the question of what makes the disturbance of the dead respectable, and names the Lindow Moss body. In the instance of the Lindow Moss body, its age was not involved in the initial enquiry because its discovery during commercial peat-cutting and its unusual context alone in the middle of a peat bog initiated a forensic investigation.

There was a need to establish if a modern crime had been committed, and indeed violence occurred, but the elapsed time of 2,500 years allowed this unique body to be removed from the coroner's jurisdiction into the hands of the physical anthropologists and the archaeologists, where investigation continues.

One applauds the full cooperation and collaboration of the forensic members of the team (the police detectives, Home Office pathologist and coroner's pathologist and officer) with the archaeologists which was, in part, due to two fortuitous circumstances.

Mr Rick Turner, the county archaeologist for Cheshire, learned of the find of the foot and located the body before the police removed it, and the Home Office had involved Mr Bob Connolly, who also has wide experience with ancient bodies as well as modern. Mr Turner involved myself with a team trained in palaeo-environmental techniques by Professor Frank Oldfield.

This should result in the body being the most carefully documented of preserved prehistoric bodies in their ancient environment in Western Europe. But may I, at the same time, assure Mr Stocker that the body was not exhumed in the field, as I am sure that he will have read for himself, but was removed in a block of peat and accorded the same respect and mortuary accommodation that human remains in a modern forensic case receive. The proceedings since, which are the responsibility of the British Museum, are equally concerned and delicate.

Perhaps Mr Stocker is alarmed by the prospect of display, but the display of preserved bodies as a part of museum collections in the Western world has occurred in many from their inception, most commonly as Egyptian mummies. The British Museum will, I am sure, observe appropriate decorum while satisfying the public's natural curiosity about their ancestors' appearance before the Romans' arrival in Britain.

Your faithfully,
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Postal efficiency

From Mr A. A. Wells

Sir, Mr M. P. Thompson (September 22) finds figures quoted in earlier correspondence incredible and casts doubts upon their veracity.

For many years I have had wrongly delivered to this address letters for all parts of the London W1, WC1, WC2 and SE17 postal areas. In one moment of irony there was delivered a letter for the district postmaster and on other occasions the sorting office delivery instructions and even a postman's payslip.

It has been my practice to ask the local postmaster to collect this correctly addressed but wrongly delivered mail and I now ask for a receipt therefor, listing the letters collected. I hold receipts dated between July 24, 1983, and May 23, 1984, for 49 misdelivered letters.

On August 31, 1984, I wrote asking for letters wrongly delivered to be collected. The letter has been acknowledged by the district post office but no further action has been taken and still the letters continue to arrive. At the time of writing I have 24 correctly addressed but wrongly delivered letters awaiting collection. Is any further evidence of the Post Office's efficiency required?

Finally may I ask the Post Office for replies to two questions which over the years it has been reluctant to answer:

1. If so much post addressed to others is delivered here, where does my missing mail go?

2. What is the point of mechanising the system and exhorting us to use postcodes if the postman is unable to read the remainder of the address as written or typed?

Yours faithfully,
A. A. WELLS,
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104 Great Portland Street, W1.
September 24.

Action against NUM

From Mr David Payne and Mr Andrew Fearn

Sir, We wish to correct the impression being given by many commentators that the action taken by our clients, Kenneth Foulstone and Robert Taylor, against the National Union of Mineworkers relies upon modern industrial legislation.

Their action is founded only on the law of contract and principles of natural justice which have served our society for centuries.

Yours faithfully,
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TV as teaching aid

From Mr Philip Simpson

Sir, The DES consultative document, *English from 5 to 16* (*The Times*, October 3), is to be commended for recognising that television, film and video are worth critical and evaluative attention not only as sources of information but also as entertainment. It is disappointing, though, that these are seen as objectives for the 16-year-old pupils only.

Last year another DES report, *Popular Television and Schooling*, pointed out that young people between five and 14 years of age spend an average of 23 hours per week watching television.

Television is worth the attention of teachers and pupils from at least the age of seven. It already provides "a normal and habitual source of pleasure, interest and information" which *English from 5 to 16* rightly sees as the desirable attitude to reading. Moreover, television might also be used throughout primary and secondary schooling to realise many of the listening, speaking and understanding objectives recommended in the document.

Yours faithfully,
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Falashas' fate

From Dr. J. R. Barrington Drewe

Sir, Your report (September 12) of the Falashas who are dying from tuberculosis, cholera and malaria in a refugee camp in east Sudan; belies the extent of a tragedy which is now entering its final stage.

The Falashas are pre-talmudic Jews, who before the coup of 1974 lived in small groups north of Lake Tana in the Ethiopian province of Begemdir and Simen, where they settled in the seventeenth century, after being expelled by the emperor Susenyos from Semyen, an independent province.

Until the agricultural reforms of 1977, they were not allowed to own land and lived mainly by specialized crafts, such as ironwork and pottery; occupations despised by the Amhara-Tigre farmers, who make up most of the population in the Northern Highlands and whose resentment became intense when the reforms enabled Falasha men to own land.

In 1974 there were about 20,000 Falashas, but this number has now been greatly reduced by disease, famine and war, to the extent that they may soon cease to exist as a distinct ethnic group. The survivors cannot resume their traditional way of life in the Northern Highlands, where there is fighting and although a number have emigrated to Israel, they face considerable problems in trying to adapt to modern life.

The immigration of Jews from the Diaspora has already led to serious political and economic problems in Israel, which does not have the resources to be responsible for still more refugees. The Falasha are often regarded as an anthropological curiosity (black Jews), but now they are on the brink of extinction it would surely not be too costly to provide the means whereby they could remain as an intact group, in Africa, and pursue their traditional way of life.

Yours faithfully,
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September 17.

Slaughter on the wing

From Dr Denis F. Owen

Sir, I agree with your report (October 3) that it is disgraceful, now that Greece is an EEC member, that its migratory birds should continue to be shot and eaten. But before outright condemnation from our half a million bird watchers, should we not put our own house in order?

I do not mind the shooting of pheasants (which are aliens, anyway) and nor do I care if people want to slaughter the sedentary red grouse, but I am concerned about snipe, woodcock, wigeon and other migratory species, all regarded (in season) as legitimate quarry.

Many of these birds breed in Sweden and other non-EEC countries to the north and east, where they are given full protection. These international migrants deserve full protection while here – it matters not whether they are EEC born and bred.

So let us conserve all migratory birds, for then we would be in a much better position to criticise Greeks for eating night herons and nightingales.

Yours sincerely,
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Headington, Oxford.

History of the SOE

From Miss Jean Overton Fuller

Sir, It is indeed good the keeper of the SOE archives at the Foreign Office should have, through your columns (September 28), entered into print, and so into controversy. Nevertheless, I am dismayed by his point that the security checks (upon the disregard of the omission of which criticism hangs) had been found "often unreliable".

In that case, why were they not stopped? The criticism turns upon the fact that the agents, before being sent out into the field, were told that if captured they should give their codes, but not their security checks, absence of which would be sufficient to tell London they were in German hands, and yet London ignored that absence. But Mr Woods's theme puts me in mind of what Colonel Giskes said to me.

When I asked him in 1955 what he believed to be the truth of the *Englandspiel*, he said he knew no more today than when he was running it – when at moments he would say to himself: "It is not possible British Intelligence is really deceived by me! They pretend to me they are deceived by me, for some deep, deep reason that escapes me . . .".

Then he said there was only one other explanation he could think of: lack of liaison between departments of it. Perhaps in one department they made the decision to ignore omission of security checks and forgot to cancel their instruction to another department to tell the agents, before they went out, that to omit their security checks was their one infallible means of telling London they were in German hands.

Is Mr Woods telling us that is in fact what happened?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
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October 2.

Blackpool expulsion

From Lady Olga Maitland

Sir, I read with interest your report (October 5) covering the Labour Party's decision to ban me from the conference in my capacity as a journalist.

There appears to be confusion about the validity of my press pass in view of the fact I had been leafleting outside in the street on behalf of my organization, Women and Families for Defence.

I should make it clear that I had no intention of distributing any leaflets while conducting my work as a journalist. I had none in my hand and made no attempt to do this in the building.

The reason why I was expelled was explained by the Chief Steward who admitted that while I had every right as an accredited journalist to be present, the delegates would not tolerate it because of my personal views on defence and disarmament. Labour Party representatives also told me that I was not welcome.

In addition the police said they could not guarantee either my safety or anybody's else's if I insisted on returning. Rather than risk being responsible for any further rioting or possible injuries, I agreed to leave.

I find it saddening that mob rule makes the decisions for the Labour Party.

Yours sincerely,
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October 5.

Soviet sea power

From Professor Colonel G. I. A. D. Draper

Sir, The editor of *Jane's Fighting Ships* (1975-76) has pointed out, and rightly, in his letter published on September 18, that he declined to accept the Soviet designation of Kiev as a "large anti-submarine cruiser" when it should properly be considered as an "aircraft carrier". He then proceeds to make the contention that the Soviet designation "was probably aimed at circumventing the restrictions on aircraft carriers in the Montreux Convention (1936)." Perhaps he would indicate to your readers, Sir, where he finds such restrictions, which the USSR seeks to avoid, within the four corners of the Convention.

An analysis of the Convention discloses a major obscurity in this matter, brought about by the maladjustment of articles 10 and 11 and the definition of the six categories of warships to be found in annex 2 to the Convention. Indeed, this obscurity enables one Soviet commentator to state: ". . . a thorough analysis of the Convention shows . . . from a legal point of view; that passage through the straits by any ships of states of the Black Sea does not contradict the letter and spirit of the Convention." (Sarkov, in *Morski Sbornik*, no 7 (July, 1976).

The matter is not illuminated by the fact that the history of the negotiations for the Lausanne Treaty of 1923 and of the Montreux Convention of 1936 yields no clue as to the intention of the framers with regard to the passage of aircraft carriers through the straits.

The political reality is that Turkey, in spite of her Nato membership, is in no position to respond to Nato pressures to decline permission to Soviet requests for passage of aircraft carriers through the straits. Advances in naval design and armament make a nonsense of the categories of warship afforded by the Montreux Convention of 1936.

These factors, added to the legal obscurity, put Turkey in a position of great delicacy in making decisions on admittedly doubtful cases. Protests by the UK, or other parties, are not likely to cure the present position.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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Sussex.
September 22.

Pride of place

From the Archdeacon of Westminster

Sir, I sympathize with Mr John Richards (October 3) for I am as much of an anachronism as he. But the curious behaviour to which he refers is no new thing, nor is it peculiar to this country.

In my former diocese in Africa a small village community of retired Army officers and their families shared our eccentricity. When in the neighbouring towns a gentleman was seen to open a car door for his lady before taking his seat at the wheel, the comment was often heard: "It's a new wife, or a new car, or he comes from Ofcolaco".

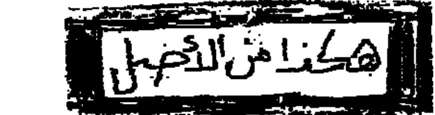
Yours etc.,
†EDWARD KNAPP-FISHER,
1 Little Cloister,
Westminster Abbey, SW1.
October 3.

From Mr David Hill

Sir, Getting in first oneself is male chauvinism. Unlocking the passenger door first is elaborate sexism.

The answer is clear: central locking.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HILL,
52 Harwood Road,
Marlow, Buckinghamshire.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 6: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Richard Carew Pole, arrived at Royal Air Force Lyneham this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Jersey.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Metropolitan Special Constabulary's Annual Dinner Dance at the Novotel Hotel, Hammersmith, London.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
October 6: The Duke of Kent arrived at Heathrow airport, London this evening from Turkey.

Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 7: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon opened the Smithton/Culloden Youth Club in Inverness-shire.

Her Royal Highness and Mr Ogilvy travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Hon Mrs Burt gave birth to a son in London on September 29.

A memorial service for the Marquess of Aberdeen will be held in St Margaret's, Westminster, on Tuesday, October 16, at noon.

Forthcoming marriages

Sir Peter Agnew, Bt, and Mrs J. M. Watson
The engagement is announced between Peter Agnew, of 2 Smith Square, SW1, and Julie Marie Watson, of 7 Kingston House East, Prince's Gate, SW7.

Mr H. O. Chittenden and Miss E. C. Cooper-Key
The engagement is announced between Hilary, son of the late N. G. (Nogs) Chittenden and Mrs Nigel Martin, of Edgecombe, Surrey, and of the Priory, Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, and Emma, only daughter of the late Sir Neil Cooper-Key and the Hon Lady Cooper-Key, of Floralies, Avenue de Grande Bretagne, Monte Carlo.

Mr D. R. Busk and Miss S. E. Mainwaring-Burton
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Captain and Mrs Martin Busk, Houghton Lodge, Stockbridge, Hampshire, and Sophie, daughter of Major and Mrs Antony Mainwaring-Burton, Oaklands, Hook, Hampshire.

Mr R. Collins and Miss N. Oliver
The marriage will take place on October 26, 1984, between Ron, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Collins, of Gatley, Cheshire, and Nicola, eldest daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs G. W. Oliver, of Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex.

Major-General D. G. Levis and Mrs C. A. Nicholls
The engagement is announced between Derek Levis, of Welbourn, Lincoln, and Charlotte Anne Nicholls (nee Pratt), of Steyning, Sussex.

Mr J. P. H. O'Donnell and Dr S. C. Renton
The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs P. W. O'Donnell, of Ham, and Sophie, daughter of Mr Jeremy Renton, of Chelsea, and Mrs Jacintha Alexander, of Kensington.

Mr S.-M. Ong and Miss P. A. Suckling
The engagement is announced between See-Ming, son of Mr Charles T. H. Ong and the late Mrs Irene S. E. Ong, of Wimbledon, London, formerly of Singapore, and Penelope Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Suckling, of Camrose House, Stockton, Beccles, Suffolk.

Mr C. A. Pott and Miss J. Parr
The engagement is announced between Charles Antony, younger son of the late Mr John Pott and Mrs Pott, of Warborough, Oxfordshire, and Jacqueline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A. Parr, of Littleborough, Lancashire.

Flight Lieutenant R. B. Russell and Mrs S. Batchelor
The engagement is annnounced between Robin, son of the late Mr Brian Russell and Mrs Mary Russell, of PO Box 41, Limuru, Kenya, and Sarah, daughter of Mr Tony Irwin, of Barrington, Cambridgeshire, and Mrs Raymond Tourneie, of King's Holt, Gomshall, Surrey.

Mr C. G. Solsvig and Miss G. M. E. Norwood
The engagement is announced between Curtis, only son of Mr and Mrs Curtis G. Solsvig, of Wawatosa, Wisconsin, and Gigi, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs Roger C. Norwood, of Tucker's Town, Bermuda.

Ultimatum without relevance to unity

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Evangelical churchmen have made agreement on "justification by faith alone" a fundamental condition of their participation in – even of their interest in – the possibility of church union involving the Roman Catholic Church.

That was for them the basic point of cleavage at the time of the Reformation; and it continues to be their basic objection to Roman Catholicism today.

In response, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has taken steps to see that there is a much stronger Evangelical presence in the new Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission compared with the old one, and secured agreement that justification must be explicitly on the new commission's agenda.

The commission has recently announced that it has made progress towards a resolution of the disagreement; though Evangelicals not party to its processes are still very sceptical of the whole project.

In a leading article in *Churchman* magazine, published by Church Society, which is Evangelical Anglican, the editor, Dr Gerald Bray, states the position bluntly.

"Here there is no room for compromise, with Rome or with anybody else", he writes. "As long as we are not agreed, and in this case agreement means acceptance by Rome of the Protestant view, there can be no unity."

Attention on this issue is usually directed towards the content of the doctrine itself: as in Dr Bray's article. "Justification by faith alone" is defined, the Roman Catholic position is stated, and the allegedly irreconcilable differences are pointed out.

Justification by faith alone, he states, "teaches us that man and God are joined in a personal relationship based on undeserved divine love. To introduce the idea of merit turns this relationship into a contract, with results which are as fatal as a contractual view of marriage. God does not say to us: if you do this, I shall do that in return; but: while we were yet sinners, Christ dies for us – the very heart of the Gospel message."

In fact, there is nothing in that doctrinal statement that the Pope himself would be likely to quarrel with. A Roman Catholic theologian would probably be content with a footnote, to the effect that while this "idea of merit" is obviously wrong, there may yet be some use of that idea without such fatal results.

He would, like the Protestant, resist anything that made salvation at all dependent on "good works", in the spirit of one of the most familiar prayers in the Catholic Mass: "Lord I am not worthy for you to enter under my roof; only say the word, and my soul shall be healed. . . ." (which is also an optional variation in the Anglican communion service).

At that stage, if the argument were to be pursued, it would have to go into the finer points of what exactly is meant; but that raises a difficulty of another kind. It is common for Evangelicals to press their insistence on agreement in such a way that what they seem to be demanding, without saying so, is some ex-cathedra, infallible pronouncement from Rome, binding on the Catholic Church, which is in line with the Evangelical position.

It is not enough, it is suggested, that many members of that church have a view of salvation which Evangelicals could accept. More is implied than that by Dr Bray's phrase, "agreement means acceptance by Rome...".

Yet Rome is now moving away from that whole style of definitive pronouncement, a trend which, in other contexts, Evangelicals profoundly welcome. It now tends to make, as recently on liberation theology, "contributions to discussion".

No Catholic theologian is putting his licence at risk if he makes statements about justification along the same lines as Dr Bray, for it is centuries since the church had a "party line" on the issue.

It would be paradoxical if Evangelicals such as Dr Bray were in effect demanding that licences should be withdrawn, for any theologian holding any view but theirs; but such an approach by the Vatican authorities is about the only way the Roman Catholic Church could meet that criterion. Anglican Evangelicals would at least have to explain why they make no such demand of theologians in the Church of England.

Thus, attention to the details of the doctrine of justification can be taken to a degree which has no practical relevance for church unity, even though the questions are still important.

The most that church authorities may be expected to say is that the opinions in question are within the boundaries of orthodoxy; in other words, that to express an understanding of justification of faith alone along the lines used by Dr Bray would not lead to excommunication. And that is true already. To ask for more than that is to ask for the kind of authoritarian church with which Evangelicals would not dream of uniting.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Anglesey, 62; Sir John Boyd, 67; Viscount Caldecote, 67; Lord Caradon, 77; Professor Garth Chapman, 67; Sir Nicholas Cheetham, 74; Professor Sir Alastair Currie, 63; Lady Dalrymple-Champneys, 82; Professor H. E. de Wardener, 69; Lord Justice Eveleigh, 67; Lord Justice Fox, 63; Mr Milner Gray, 85; Professor Sir Richard Harrison, 64; Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, 84; Mr Alasdair Milne, 54; Sir Mark Oliphant, 83; Miss Merle Park, 47; the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, 65; Lord Romsey, 37; Mr Robert Scholey, 63; Sir Reginald Sholl, 82; Mr D. R. W. Silk, 53; Mr Godfrey Talbot, 76; Mr Peter Wood, 56.

Latest appointments

Latest appointment include:
Mr Justice Ewbank to succeed Mr Justice Hollings, and Judge Harold Wilson to succeed Judge Tibber as members of the Matrimonial Causes Rule Committee.

Dinner

Metropolitan Special Constabulary
Princess Anne was present at the annual dinner dance of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary which was held on Saturday at the Novotel. The Chief Commandant, Mr Arthur Hammond, was in the chair, and among others present were:
The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and Lady Newman, the Deputy Commissioner and Mrs Laugharne, the Assistant Commissioner, A Department, and Mrs Gibson, the Receiver and Mrs Gordon-Brown, the Director of Information and Mrs Wells, the Deputy Assistant Commissioner, A Department (Operations), and Mrs Innes and Mrs A Howard.

Society of Public Teachers of Law

At the annual general meeting of the Society of Public Teachers of Law held at Edinburgh University the following were elected to office in the society for the year 1984-85:
President: Professor L. Neville Brown, Birmingham University; Vice President: Professor A. L. Diamond, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London University; Hon Treasurer: Mr C. A. Weston, Birmingham University; Hon Secretary: Professor D. B. Casson, Buckingham University

Latest wills

Librarian leaves £100,000 to school

Mrs Avice Wood, of Benefield Road, Oundle, librarian of Oundle school, left estate valued at £119,378 net. After bequests she left £100,000 to the school to finance music scholarships. Mrs Wood, a keen musician who used to play the viola with the school orchestra joined the staff to teach the girls working in the school's boarding houses but later became assistant librarian for 22 years and librarian for seven years until she retired in 1956.

The Hon Mary Theresa, Lady Burghley, of central London, first wife of the sixth Marquess of Exeter, and daughter of the seventh Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, left £236,411 net.

Mr Richard Dobson Peacock, of Leyburn, North Yorkshire, the racehorse trainer, left £1,197,165 net.

Mr Joseph Walton Losey, of Chelsea, the film director, left £1,641 net.

Broom, Mr Thomas Patrick, of Dorking.......................£411,183

Polytechnic honours

The following first-class honours have been awarded:

Huddersfield

BSc
Applied Chemistry M A Northern, Broadway S, Barnsley, SY.
Behavioural Sciences Anna D Crawford-Cullip, Banbury S, Banbury, Oxfordshire. [illegible]
Human Ecology Catheryn H Johnson, Rodillian S, Wakefield, West Yorkshire.
Mechanical Engineering J Basiarak. Mature entrant: M F Butcher, Friends' S, Saffron Walden, Essex; T S Whitaker, Mid-Warwickshire Coll of FE, Leamington Spa.
Textile Technology D F Davidson, Mature entrant.
BA
Business Studies D J Meaden, Hartland S, Worksop, Nottinghamshire.
Humanities A G Halloway, Hipperholme GS, Halifax, West Yorkshire.
Music N M Redfern, Ivanhoe HS, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire.

Kingston

BA Fashion: A L Morford, Medway Coll of Design, Rochester, Kent; A L Thompson, Colchester Inst, Essex; BA Fine Art (Sculpture): A P Kirby, Epsom S of Art and Design, Surrey; BA Graphic Design: R D Beardshaw, Hastings Coll of Arts and Tech, St Leonards-on-sea, East Sussex; C Buttner, Rochdale Coll of Art, Greater Manchester; BA Modern Arts (English): B A Stephens, mature entrant; BA Modern Arts (History of Ideas): C Hughes, Emanuel, Battersea, London; BA Three Dimensional Design: A J Ackland-Snow, Buckinghamshire, High Wycombe; F M Naylor, Jacob Kramer Coll, Leeds, West Yorkshire; BEd: J F Thomas, The Harwich S, Dovercourt, Essex.

Youngest in brass: Rebecca Johnson, aged nine, showing her form on the cornet which won her an award for young brass players at Kensington Town Hall, London, yesterday while her elders were competing in the National Brass Band Championships at the Albert Hall (Photograph by Chris Harris).

Science report

Guinea pigs on the menu

By David Nicholson-Lord

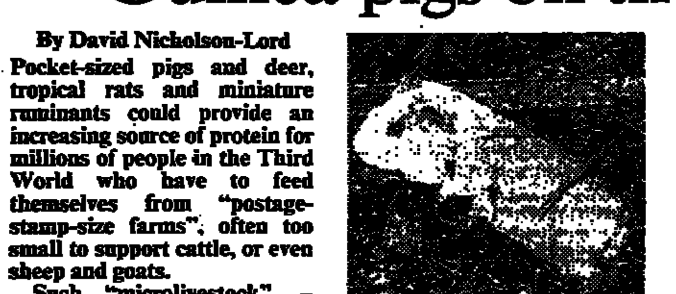
Pocket-sized pigs and deer, tropical rats and miniature ruminants could provide an increasing source of protein for millions of people in the Third World who have to feed themselves from "postage-stamp-size farms", often too small to support cattle, or even sheep and goats.

Such "microlivestock", – like the pygmy hog of northern India or the duiker antelope, have been neglected in research into meat sources, according to an article in *Ceres*, the journal of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Yet they offer the landless the prospect of raising food within their own homes.

The potential is even more important, according to Dr Noel Vietmeyer, a professional associate of the United States National Academy of Sciences, because of the increasing number of tiny land holdings in rural areas, caused by population growth and repeated sub-division. But it might well upset conservationsits and animal-lovers in the West.

One of the most likely candidates, for instance, is the guinea pig, a valuable protein source to the highland Indians of Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. The Indians keep them "free-range" in their huts, placing a stone sill across the doorway to prevent their escape, and the animals in return provide dishes like *cuy chactado*, breaded guinea pig sandwiched between stones and fried.

Peruvians alone eat 70 million guinea pigs a year, and even keep them in cardboard boxes under their beds in high-rise flats in Lima. Dr Vietmeyer says a woman or a child could tend some 3,000 guinea


The guinea pig: 70 million eaten in Peru every year.

pigs. Two male and 20 female pigs could feed a family of six with an adequate year-round diet of meat, he estimates.

The rabbit-like fecundity of guinea pigs is an added bonus. A farmer starting with one male and 10 females could have 3,000 animals a year later.

One FAO study in Ecuador indicated that guinea pigs were more profitable on small mountain farms than pigs or dairy cows, partly because they fetched higher market prices. Researchers at the University of Florida suggest that at least a dozen of the guinea pig's relatives, – including the capybara and the cloud and bandycoot rats, are potential microlivestock sources.

Other candidates suggested include, rodents like the grasscutter and giant rats of West Africa, which have long provided popular "bush meat", and bats, lizards, and snails.

In many cases the potential is being realized. Iguana meat, for example, is so delicious that the reptile is being hunted to extinction over much of Latin America. Projects to farm them are under way at the Caribbean Marine Biology Station on Curaçao.

West African rat meat is already treated as a luxury, and ways of raising grasscutters in captivity are being studied. Its deep red, rabbit-like meat, reports Dr Vietmeyer, is a savoury treat. Every part of the animal, even the hair, is eaten.

Domestication should also prove easier with small animals. A nutrition research programme at Pennsylvania State University has found over the past two years that duikers, – of which there are 80 types in Africa, – are remarkably unfussy.

"Reportedly they are wild, nervous, shy and nocturnal, but... they tame easily and make good house pets. From the day they are caught they can be handled, milked and even petted." About a foot high and weighing 9lb when mature, a duiker can feed an average family at one meal.

The pygmy hog of northern India at barely 10in high is even smaller has has been hunted to near extinction. But it has enormous potential as a kitchen animal, fed in the house on table scraps.

The raising of such small mammals involves less initial investment, and because they can be taken whole at a sitting is particularly important when there is no refrigeration. Better adaptation to heat and arid pasture is another factor: two small animals could survive where one larger one would probably starve.

Dr Vietmeyer believes that raising traditional livestock on pastures will never get meat to the poorest people as effectively as if they feed their own microlivestock on weeds and table scraps in cardboard cartons under their beds.

Ceres. FAO Review on Agriculture and Development, Vol 17, No 2, pp43-47.

Marriages

The Hon Rupert Legge and Miss M. V. S. Ottley
The marriage took place on Saturday in Winchester Cathedral of the Hon Rupert Legge, son of the Earl of Dartmouth, of The Manor House, King's Langley, Hertfordshire, and Countess Spencer, of Althorp, Northamptonshire, and Miss Victoria Ottley, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lionel Ottley, of Tichborne Park Cottage, Alresford, Hampshire. The Bishop of Winchester officiated, assisted by Canon E. R. G. Job and the Rev E. D. R. Simms.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of cream satin, embroidered with seed pearls and antique lace and a long veil held in place by a circlet of twisted ribbon and pearls. She carried a bouquet of lilies. Hugo MacPherson, Harry Goad, Emily Astor, Camilla Verney, Henrietta Snagge, and Charlotte Chataway attended her. Mr Alexander Russell was best man.

A reception was held at Tichborne Park and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A. R. Erskine-Hill and Miss S. A. S. Clarke
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Peter's, Siddington, Gloucestershire, of Mr Roger Erskine-Hill, elder son of Sir Robert Erskine-Hill, Bt, and Lady Erskine Hill, of Quothquhan Lodge, Biggar, Lanarkshire, and Miss Sarah Clarke, elder daugher of the late Dr R. J. Sydenham Clarke and of Mrs Charles Clarke, of Siddington Manor, Cirencester, Gloucestershire. The Rev P. J. Sudbury officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr Charles Clarke, wore a gown of ivory-coloured lace and a veil held in place by a family tiara. She carried a bouquet of lilies-of-the-valley, white roses and white freesias. Jamie Boyle, Archi Sanders, Hannah North Lewis, Amy Gwatkin, Rachel Pollock, and Suzanna Ferrand attended her. Mr Henry Erskine-Hill was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C. S. Stokes and Miss D. C. Down
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy of Mr Christopher Stokes, younger son of Captain and Mrs Patrick Stokes, of co Wicklow, Republic of Ireland, and Miss Caroline Down, elder daughter of Sir Alastair and Lady Down, of Stockleigh Pomeroy, Devon. The Rev John Williams officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Diana Ward, Nichola and Claire Collier, Kirsty Luard, and Julia McAleenan. Mr Robert Ashe was best man.

A reception was held at the Savoy Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R. C. M. Bryant and Miss N. D. M. Halpin
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 6, at Ealing Abbey, London, W5, of Mr Richard Bryant, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth M. Bryant, of Ealing, and Miss Nicky Halpin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil F. Halpin, of Ealing. Father Roger Nesbitt officiated, assisted by Dom Matthew Kehoe, OSB.

Mr P. G. C. Fenton and Miss U. D. Finckh
The marriage took place in Chelsea, London, on September 20, 1984, between Mr Paul Graham Christopher Fenton and Miss Ursula Dorothea Finckh.

Mr A. F. Graham-Watson and Mlle B. Jeanson
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 29, at the Church of the Redentore, Venice, between Mr Andrew Graham-Watson, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Graham-Watson of Andorra, and Mlle Brigitte Jeanson only daughter of M and Mme Pierre Jeanson of Paris. Mgr John McDonald and Père John Thomas officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Hélène and Noémie Jeanson. The witnesses were Mr Hugh Graham-Watson, Mr Nicholas Lechmere Roberts, Mr Richard Taylor, Mrs Michael Plumley, Mme Georges Duvall, and M Nicolas Jeanson.

Mr A. G. McNaughton and Miss J. E. Merriott
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 22, 1984, at the Parish Church of St Dunstan, Cheam, between Mr Andrew George McNaughton, only son of Mr and Mrs A. A. G. McNaughton, of Leeds, and Miss Jane Evelyn Merriott, only daughter of Mr and Mrs E. S. W. Merriott, of London.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Vanessa Clarke. Mr Michael Kneen was best man.

A reception was held, followed by a family reunion at the home of Mr and Mrs H. J. Cotching, aunt and uncle of the bride. The honeymoon was spent at Bailiffscourt Hotel, Climping, Sussex.

Mr P. G. Michelmore and Mrs S. E. Muir
The marriage took place quietly in London on Friday, October 5, between Mr Peter Guy Michelmore, son of Mr and Mrs J. G. de J. Michelmore, of Woodbury, Devon, and Mrs Susan Elizabeth Muir, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A. Gardner, of Leamington Spa.

OBITUARY

LEONARD ROSSITER
Television comedian who stayed loyal to the stage

Leonard Rossiter who died on October 5 during a performance of *Loot*, the play in which he was appearing at the Lyric Theatre, was an actor of forceful presence and wide range who found a particular niche in television situation comedy. He was 57.

His career, which successfully embraced Shakespeare and Brecht, steered a shrewd course between the media of stage, film and television, but his popular successes were in the latter, as the seedy and lecherous Rigsby in *Rising Damp* and in another successful series as Reginald Perrin, the disillusioned executive who faked his own death to escape the rat race.

His chief asset as a comedy actor was a mobile face which he could twist into a deliciously leering grin, and which he claimed had a more sinister cast to it on one side than on the other. He had a staccato laugh and a barking voice capable of rattling off lines at a furious pace. There was a nervous intensity about his performances which gave them extra edge. He was equally energetic in his private life, playing football when called upon to do so and squash regularly.

Leonard Rossiter was born in Liverpool in 1927 and lived over his father's barber's shop. The death of his father in an air raid during the Second World War put paid to his ambition of going to university and he left school early to work in an insurance office. He was a talented cricketer, not far short of first-class standards.

He entered acting late and almost by accident, joining an amateur group so that he could see more of a girl friend. He was 27 before he made his first professional appearance, in a comedy, *The Gay Dog*, at Preston. By the early 1960s he was starting to become a familiar face on television in programmes like *Z Cars*, and in films.

In the cinema he usually played small character parts but they were often effective, such as his undertaker in *Billy Liar* and Mr Sowerberry in *Oliver!* He was also in *King Rat*, *2001 – A Space Odyssey* – and the Pink Panther Series. Yet for some years the theatre remained his principal activity and in 1969 he had a critical triumph as the Hitler-type gangster in Brecht's *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*. It was also his first leading part in the West End.

Years of repertory culminating in a spell at the Bristol Old Vic, had given him a grounding in everything from Pantomime Dame to classical leads. His apprenticeship had been slow for his formal theatrical training had been almost restricted to elocution lessons to rid him of his Liverpudlian accent.

Although much of his later life was spent in films and television, he continued to look on himself as a stage actor and estimated that in a career of more than 25 years he had never been away from the stage for more than 10 months at a time.

He was in *The Caretaker* in 1972, a play he especially admired, and in *Frontiers of Farce* at the Old Vic in 1976. He played the title role in *Tartuffe* in the same year. There followed, among others, *Semi-Detached* at the Greenwich in 1979 and the lead in *Make and Break* a year later at the Haymarket. In 1982 he was in *Rules of the Game* at the same theatre.

But it was *Rising Damp*, a comedy series for ITV written by Eric Chappell which started in 1974, that turned Rossiter from an intermittently recognized face into a national celebrity.

In that, Rigsby was the landlord of the shabby apartment block, and the comedy derived from his relationships with his tenants, in particular his attempts to seduce the prim Miss Jones, played by Frances de la Tour.

Rossiter enhanced his standing as one of the funniest men on television with *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin* which ran from 1976 to 1980. Reggie was a victim of the male menopause, increasingly bored by his bland surburban life style and no longer prepared to suffer the demands of his imperious boss, C.J. Though the show ultimately stretched the idea for more than it was worth, Rossiter's Perrin will long be cherished.

His later excursions into television comedy were less distinguished. They included *The Losers*, which was set in the world of wrestling and his current series, *Tripper's Day*, in which he played the harassed manager of a supermarket. His Cinzano commercials with Joan Collins, in which he usually managed to pour the drink down her dress, were on the other hand, classics of their kind.

At the time of his death he was playing the shifty Inspector Truscott in a revival of Joe Orton's black farce, *Loot*. Still to come is his interpretation of *King John* which he recorded last year for the BBC television Shakespeare cycle.

He is survived by his second wife, the actress Gillian Raine, and their daughter, Camilla.

HIS HONOUR CONOLLY GAGE

His Honour Conolly Hugh Gage, who died on October 3 at the age of 78, was a Circuit Judge, and before that a County Court Judge, from 1958 to 1978. He had previously been Ulster Unionist MP for South Belfast from 1945 to 1952.

Born on November 10, 1905, he was educated at Repton and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1930, and practised in and around London. During the Second World War he served as Assistant Judge Advocate-General with the 1st Canadian Army.

He was elected MP for South Belfast in 1945, but continued his legal work, serving as Recorder of Maldon and Saffron Walden from 1950 to 1952. He left the House of Commons in 1952. He was deputy chairman of the Essex quarter sessions 1955-71, and chairman of the Huntingdonshire and Peterborough quarter sessions 1963-71.

Gage was appointed a County Court Judge in 1958, and was chairman of the County Court Rules Committee from 1974 to 1978.

He married in 1932 Elinor Nancy Martyn. They had a son and a daughter.

DR JOHN MORRIS

P. B. C. writes:
In listing the late Dr John Morris's written contributions to legal learning in your obituary notice (*The Times*, 2.10.84), you record that he "was responsible for the 6th, 7th, and 8th editions of Dicey's *Conflict of Laws*". In fact he was also responsible for the 9th and the (current) 10th editions. This simple statement, however, gives no explicit indication of the monumental nature of his achievement in the discharge of that responsibility.

John Morris transformed a classic work, which was showing distinct signs of age, into a treatise of unique authority in the Commonwealth – unique in the sense that it is of unrivalled authority on private international law. Morever, there is room for the view that Dicey and Morris (as its authorship is now very properly entitled) is unique in the wider sense that there is no British treatise on any other legal subject which is accorded comparable respect throughout the Commonwealth.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: C W Gotto to Tamar in cmd and as CAPIC Hongkong and CP Hongkong, March 1
COMMANDERS: A J Bolingbroke to RNC Greenwich, Jan 14; F J C Bradshaw to MOD (London), Feb 12; J P Clarke to Excellent, Feb 25; N J J Cocks to MOD (Lonndon), Jan 22; A R Dent to Newcastle, March 22; P J Harrison to RNC Greenwich, Jan 14; J M Kingsland to MOD (Hants), Jan 18; C J Meyer to MOD (London), Feb 21; C W Pile to MOD (London), Feb 4; P Spencer to MOD (PE) (London), March 29; A M V Thompson to RNC Greenwich, Jan 22.
SURGEON COMMANDERS: O M Howard to RNH Haslar, Oct 10; M Macleod to RNH Haslar, Jan 7
Retirements
COMMANDERS: W M Berry, Dec 1; K R B Cadogan-Rawlinson, Nov 26; J F Glennie, Nov 30; R T King, Dec 2; J B Powell, Dec 2.

The Army
COLONELS: W E J Allen to HQ NE Dist, Oct 19; J F Codd to LSP Oman, Oct 15; P R S Jackson to HQ E Dist, Oct 19; J G B Rigby to be Comdt School of Inf (Sp Wpns Wg), Oct 12; W J P Robins to MOD, Oct 9; P J Sheppard to HQ 1 (BR) Corps, Oct 19.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: J N Alford, RA to be CO Exeter University OTC, Oct 18; R H Bellis, REME, to REME M & RO, Oct 15; P E B Daniel, RCT, to HQ BOAR, Oct 15; J M Haworth-Wood, RAEC, to Army Ed Svcs, Dec 10; R E Minard, REME, to Vehicles & Weapons Branch REME, Oct 15, D M O'Callaghan, QRIH, to be CO 16/5L, Oct 15; P B Pennick, RAEC, to Higher Ed Centre BOAR, Oct 15; R M Readhead, 9/12L, to be CO 9/12L, Oct 15; A C F Smith, RAOC, to HQ BAOR, Oct 15; S R A Stocker, RRW, to HQ Northag Staff (BAE), Oct 15; J J Towler, REME, to Vehicles & Weapons Branch REME, Oct 10, E J W Walker, DWR, to be CO 1 DWR, Oct 10.
Retirements
Col A F Walker, late Cheshire, Oct 30.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: J M P Calnan to HQ Strike Command as Command Mechanical Engineer, Dec 22.
GROUP CAPTAIN (Acting Air Commander): I H Forster to be Director of Training (Education) (RAF), Oct 12.
WING COMMANDER (Acting Group Captain): M R Hick to PMC Innsworth, Oct 8.
WING COMMANDERS: D M Niven to RAF Gutersloh, Oct 12; P G Pinney to Cabinet Office, Oct 12; P J Storey to RAF Odiham, Oct 1; R I Finch to MOD, Oct 8.
SQUADRON LEADERS (Acting Wing Commander): D G Webb to RAF Gatow, Oct 12; L J Kippell to RAF Linton-on-Ouse, Oct 12; M L Schofield to Queen's Flight, Oct 12.

Service luncheon

ATS
The annual luncheon of the ATS Dinner Club was held at the Bloomsbury Crest Hotel on Saturday. Mrs J Croom-Johnson, chairman, presided. Dame Mary Tyrwhitt, president, and Dame Mary Railton and Miss V E Stead, vice-presidents, were among those present.

Leicester Grammar School

Leicester Grammar School celebrated foundation day on Saturday at a service in Leicester Cathedral. The Archdeacon of Loughborough officiated, assisted by the Rev Stephen Mitchell. The Bishop of London gave an address and the blessing was pronounced by the Assistant Bishop of Leicester.



FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Time for Britain to act on flourishing ECU

It is an odd experience to learn that any decision taken at the last six economic summits makes a jot of difference to the way the leading governments behave. Yet during the past month the Williamsburg communique has been elevated to an importance almost in keeping with its historic location – if, that is, one can believe the solemn pronouncements of American, German and British politicians and central bankers on the question of exchange-rate policy.

It is significant, perhaps, that the President of the German Bundesbank could not quite remember whether it was the Williamsburg or London economic summits which settled international intervention policy. But he was just as sure as everybody else what that policy was. Central banks have agreed to intervene in concert – whenever markets become "disorderly".

Now this is just about the silliest definition of an exchange-rate policy for the world that one can imagine. Central bankers all know more or less what they mean by "disorderly markets" – ones which are so thin that small purchases or sales can produce violent currency movements. But what is the purpose of intervening to prevent this?

Sudden, erratic currency swings are precisely the means which markets catch out speculators: unless the central bank is particularly skilful (as, admittedly, the Bundesbank occasionally is), the usual consequnece of putting the market to order is to save some speculator's bacon.

So what is the real objective of exchange-rate policy? Well, here the cracks appear in the Williamsburg line. The United States has a policy of doing as little as it can get away with without really angering the Germans. West Germany likes to try to stop its exchange-rate overshooting.

The British Government dislikes intervening, at least in public, but does not like the exchange rate to fall too far too fast, because the money markets react by putting upward pressure on interest rates. Since the Government is committed to the view that markets determine interest rates, it is then forced to validate the upward pressure – thus satisfying the markets that it correctly interpreted the likely result of a falling exchange rate in the first place.

Since the Bank of England got itself caught in this particular vicious circle in July, there has been much discussion of monetary techniques it could use to avoid a repeat. That still leaves open the question of the Government's fundamental policy with regard to sterling. The Thatcher government began life with a combination of sublime disregard, and a vague promise, to join the European Monetary System when the time was right.

These two contradictory statements soon began to curl at the edges. At first the exchange rate became acceptable as one of a range of monetary indicators; full membership of the European Monetary System, at the same time, was briskly defeated by the Treasury. But the turbulence in the foreign exchange markets, this past year, has increased worldwide desire for a more stable system; while most of the old arguments against membership of the European Monetary System have been losing their force.

The main arguments against full membership of the EMS are based on sterling's mid-Atlantic position. (Full, because of course Britain makes obeisance to the European idea by participating in the European Monetary Co-operation Fund, and sterling is in the "basket" of currencies which determine the value of the European currency unit). That is, sterling has tended to stay closer to the dollar than the Deutschemark has; thus linking the pound to the Deutschemark would tend to accentuatef rather than damp down our movements against the world's most important currency.

Recently, however, the pound has begun to stick a lot closer to the Deutschemark. It is clear that if Britain were to negotiate a margin of 4 per cent for fluctuation (which is more than the limit allowed for the French franc and less than that allowed for the Italian lira), the Bank of England would have had little difficulty, this summer, in keeping within it; and the effort to do so would not have increased sterling's volatility against the dollar.

A second practical objection rested not on the Atlantic, but the North Sea. A petro-currency, it was thought, would have huge difficulty keeping in line with a bunch of oil-consuming economies. But this difficulty, too, has reduced as the oil levelled off; now the EMS is seen as a safe haven in which to manage the years of slow oil decline.

A third practical objection relates to the difficulty of linking two important currencies. The success of the existing EMS may depend on its dominance by the Deutschemark; add sterling, and more particularly add the London markets, and the strain would simply prove too much.

The only answer to that is the surprising, and increasing strength of the EMS in locking together two such disparate currencies as the Deutschemark and the French franc, which has confounded pessimists (like myself) these past 18 months.

So much for practice: what about policy? The Government's increasing emphasis on sterling's trade-weighted exchange rate, with the aid of the new sterling index, stems from a desire to redirect attention away from the pound's value against the dollar.

But apart from the dollar and the yen (which displays its own peculiar vagaries) the hard core of the sterling index is made up of the European currencies. So it would make more sense still to focus attention on sterling's rate against the Ecu.

There remain some powerful residual arguments against formal membership. We still do not understand financial behaviour well enough to manage a smoothly successful monetary policy; the thought of imposing another obligation in these circumstances, is more than a little daunting.

A sensible first step would be to elevate the Ecu to greater prominence in the Governments' public row of monetary indicators. In its own right, the Ecu is growing in stature as an international currency, and that is a development the Bank of England has sensibly encouraged. It is time to take a further step.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Stock Exchange chief calls for linking of EEC markets

By Jonathan Clare

Mr Jeffrey Knight, chief executive of the London Stock Exchange, has called for the linking of stock markets throughout the European Community to meet increasingly fierce competition from the United States and Far East.

"We in Europe have an ideal opportunity to find a niche in worldwide 24-hour trading of securities" Mr Knight told the Permenent Conference of European Chambers of Conference in Bandol, France.

"Europe is ideally placed in the time zone between the closing of the Far East markets and the opening of the North American ones: we must work to exploit that for if we do not, our capital markets will become increasingly irrelevant as trading, even in our own domestic stocks, migrates across the Atlantic or to the East."

Mr Knight believes the key to an internationally competitive European market is pooled resources and the linking of the various exchanges through a flexible communications network.

His proposals would not lead to an integrated European Stock Exchange, an idea extensively discussed by Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the EEC Commissioner, because the diverse markets could not be forced to become uniform.

The system would be based on the Idis project – the Interhouse Data Information Service – which was announced last February and has been designed to lay down a basic communications network, largely through existing telecommunications systems.

Initial testing of Idis between two or three exchanges is about to begin and all the European exchanges should be linked by December

Mr Knight said: "The time should not be far off when the London, Brussels, Frankfurt and Paris prices of Consolidated Goldfields or Commerzbank are equally accessible, indeed can be viewed together on one secreen."

Idis will first display only historic price information on 200 shares but it is expected ultimately to display bid and offer prices so that trading can be carried out.

Mr Knight said: "It is not within the power of the stock exchanges to remove the really major obstacles. Only governments can make changes on exchange controls, fiscal policies or the regulations as to where certain institutional investors may place their funds."

● The Bank of England is likely to have the right to appoint the charman of a new City regulatory body, details of which are expected to be outlined by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in about two weeks.

Mr Tebbit hinted at a political meeting last week that he had decided what form regulation of the City should take. He is believed to favour a simplified regulatory structure rather than an American style Securities and Exchange Commission.

The DTI would hold the ultimate powers of regulation but they would be largely delegated to various City agencies. The Bank's position is intended to be one of influence rather than power.

Report hits merchant banks' role

By Our City Staff

Share prices of the merchant banks have taken a battering over the last few months because of the adverse reaction of the stock market to their wholesale entry into the securities industry, according to an annual report on the accepting houses by Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbrokers.

The report says that the merchant banks have bought stockbrokers close to the peak in their highly cyclical earnings "and certainly ahead of structural changes which will depress their profitability."

Laing & Cruickshank also says there is concern that the merchant banks and brokers do not have the skills required for market making and principal trading. "It is widely accepted that dual capacity trading will emerge from the Stock Exchange reforms, but this does not mean that novices endowed with capital will make profits."

The report adds a note of warning that there will be problems in merging "the different cultural backgrounds" of the merchant banks which are adverse to taking risks compared with share traders who are risk-takers.

It also points out that the merchant banks must always have expected these problems but that they have always wanted to be a part of the securities industry rather than a mere associate kept out by the Stock Exchange cartel.

● Business and financial services should be one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy during the next decade, according to a Cambridge Econometrics forecast.

Brokers expect taxes to fall

The Chancellor will have room for significant personal sector tax cuts in next March's Budget, according to two teams of stockbrokers' economists.

The stockbrokers' firm Laing & Cruickshank expects that the autumn economic statement, due next month will retain the "implied fiscal adjustment" of £2 billion for 1985/86 laid down at the time of the last Budget. If however says that while such tax cuts will be presented in the statement as running alongside a declining public sector borrowing requirement, the reality is likely to tax cuts and a rising PSBR.

James Capel the other team, shares the concern over public expenditure but says the relatively generous reserve – £2.75 billion in 1984/85 and £3.75 billion in 1985/86 – should leave scope for £1.5 billion of personal sector tax cuts



Broad Sanctuary: 10-level conference centre near Central Hall and Westminster Abbey.

Government to hire out showpiece centre

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Britain's newest conference centre, a Government showpiece adjoining Parliament Square and Westminster Abbey in the centre of London, is to be opened to a wide range of private sector conferences.

There had been doubt that anything other than official conferences and meetings would be allowed in the centre, where high levels of security and the most modern information technology and communications equipment have been provided.

But there are now plans to step up marketing of the new centre to optimize its earnings.

One problem has been that Government needs for meetings and confernces, ranging from Nato gatherings to those involving EEC countries, can arise at short notice, upsetting private sector bookings made months or years ahead.

The new centre, known as Broad Sanctuary, is due to be handed over by the constructors in January 1986, with final fittings taking another two months.

Construction costs, at 1983 prices, could reach about £44m, with another £5m being spent on fittings.

£26m shops project hits snags

By Judith Huntley

The future of a £26m retail scheme at Welwyn Garden City railway station has become uncertain. Its developers, Slough Estates and Boskalis Keys and the British Rail Property Board are not going ahead with a planning application for the 200,000 sq ft scheme.

This follows Welwyn and Hatfield local council's decision to appoint Carroll Group to undertake a similar sized retail development a mile away at Hatfield.

The council decision has been attacked by Slough and Boskalis which argue that Carroll Group's development plan for retail and leisure activities at Hatfield will seriously affect the viability of their own scheme. But the council says that he schemes are not rivals

Slough and Boskalis are now likely to wait for a possible decision by Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Secretary of State for the Environment, to call in the proposals for one or both schemes. If Mr Jenkin decides to do this on the grounds that Carroll Group's 200,000 sq ft development is a departure from the local structure plan, Slough and Boskalis will put in a formal application on a redesigned scheme

Hopes grow of rates cut

A small cut in base rates thi[s] week, to coincide with th[e] Conservative Party Conferenc[e] is considered possible – if th[e] pounds holds up in foreig[n] exchange markets.

Money market interest rate eased towards the end of las[t] week, amid speculation that th[e] banks might soon reduce bas[e] rates rom 10.5 to 10 per cen[t] although the pound suffered a result, with the sterling inde[x] falling 0.3 to 76.2.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Change on week
FT-SE 100 Index: 1135 2 down 5 1
FT Index: 863.2 down 5.2
FT Gilts: 81.0 up 0 2
FT All Share: 534 29
Bargains: 18,176
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 102 17 down 0 35
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: 1182 53 down 24.18
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,737.58 up 88.33
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 974 17 down 28.33
Amsterdam: 174 8 down 2 3
Sydney: AO Index 749 4 down 1[illegible]
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1060.8 down 1 80
Brussels: General Index 161 07 down 0.61
Paris: CAC Index 180 7 down 0 5[illegible]

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY – Interims: Aman, Edinburgh Investment Trust, Ibstock Johnsen, Leopold Joseph Sterling Fund, London and Edinburgh Trust, Microlease, Molins, Sovereign Oil and Gas, Welpac. **Finals:** A Beckman, Burndene Investments, CPU Computors, Glaxo
TOMORROW – Interims: Boathorpe Holdings, British Dredging, Campari International, Christie's International, Emess Lighting, Harris Queensway, T C Harrison, S. Jerome and Sons, Lilleshall, London and Strathclyde Trust, Midland Marts Group, Sears Holdings, Senior Engineering, Steel Burrill Jones Group. **Finals:** James Ferguson, Grosvenor Group, Lawtex, Prestwich Parker.
WEDNESDAY – Interims: Berry Pacific Fund, R. Cartwright Holdings, Clive Discount, GT Dollar Fund, Elbar Industrial, Higgs and Hill, House of Lorose, Lee Cooper, Spirax-Sarco Engineering, Svenska Cellulosa, Time Products, J O. Walker. **Finals:** Attwoods, Canadian Overseas Packaging Industries, City of Aberdeen Land Association, Safeguard Industrial Investments, Sanderson, Murray and Elder.
THURSDAY – Interims: Advance Services, Farnell Electronics, Fothergill and Harvey, Hambro Life Assurance, Norman Hay, Prince of Wales Hotels, Ruberoid, Steel Brothers, TDS Circuits, Telephone Rentals, Ward White. **Finals:** Abingworth, Cocksedge Holdings, John Maunders Construction, New Central Witwatersrand Areas, C. H. Pearce and Sons, Photo-Me International.
FRIDAY – Interims: Allebone and Sons, Helene of London, Mowlem, Office and Electronic Machines, Raybeck. **Finals:** James Halstead, Ulster TV.

Equitable to launch six unit trusts

Equitable Life, the oldest and one of the largest life assurance companies in Britain, is to launch a fully-fledged unit trust operation before the end of the year.

Equitable has been slow to move into the market for unit-linked policies. Since 1969 it has run a single general unit trust, the Equitable Pelican Trust.

The company plans to launch at least six unit trusts covering "the usual investment range", according to Mr Mark Daniel, the technical manager. This is likely to include income and capital growth funds in United Kingdom equities, a gilt fund and funds investing overseas

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **THE STOCK MARKET** is wrong to worry about the financing burden of the forthcoming British Telecom flotation, according to Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker.

● **THE UNLISTED SECURITIES MARKET** since its inception in 1980 has attracted not only a substantial number of companies which could not or would not have joined the official list, but also companies which could have qualified for full listing. Mr Roger Buckland and Professor Edward Davis of the University of Aston say in the October issue of the *Lloyds Bank Review*

ORDINARY SHARES

Shrinking space for new brands

Tony Hollingworth

Manufacturers are increasingly conscious of the importance of strong brands in today's retail environment. Their chances of establishing such brands are diminishing and it is the consumer who is going to suffer.

In July we suggested here that while a lot of lip service was paid to changing eating habits, and particularly healthier eating, the growing buying power of leading food retailers was making it difficult for manufacturers to cater for changing tastes. We expressed particular concern about the near impossibility of creating important new brands.

This Government appears to believe that increasing trade domination by a small number of retailers provides a consumer benefit in lower prices. The rapid development of the trade towards an oligopoly suggests that even this benefit may be short lived. Consumers may be paying lower prices, but margins earned by leading retailers have risen steadily.

The Office of Fair Trading is yet again investigating the extent to which present trends are, or are not, against the public interest. Few observers see any conclusions emerging which are likely to lead to legislation capable of arresting the present pace of change.

Manufacturers who complain about their difficulties will tacitly acknowledge they are frightened to argue their case in public for fear of retaliation from those powerful groups who represent the greater part of their business. In this context the consumer should start to worry about the longer term implications.

Present stocking and display policies are against consumer interest in that they represent a clear restriction of choice. Leading grocery multiples have recently adopted an aggressive stance towards the marketing of wines and spirits. Their success is well recognized.

In the last four years the multiples have increased their share of the take-home market from 28 per cent to 35 per cent. Recently we examined the shelf display of a leading retailer. In the spirit section about 80 per cent of space was allocated to the multiple's private label products with a range of sizes.

In the whisky section, only two leading brands featured, and in both gin and vodka only one big brand was stocked. In all cases the brands were allocated the least attractive space on low shelves. This is what we mean by restriction of choice. In such an environment no important drink company could establish a new brand.

We mentioned this problem to a leading wine and spirit company which has successfully introduced new products in the last 10 years. The company acknowledged that it would be much more difficult, and perhaps even impossible, to create successful new products in today's conditions.

We believe it would be impossible simply because shelf space profitability is so crucial to the grocery trade that buyers just would not take the risk of giving new products a sufficiently long trial. Without such support the manufacturers obviously cannot risk the heavy promotional budgets required to establish a new product.

It is suggested that the confectionery market is one in which successful new brands can still be introduced. The case of Cadburys Wispa is cited as an example.

We would also argue that confectionery is a perfect example of the importance of leading brands to food manufacturers. Each of the big three manufacturers has one long established brand without which it would never be able to justify its massive investment in providing wide range consumer choice.

Mars owes so much to Mars Bar, as does Rowntrees Mackintosh to Kit Kat and Cadbury Schweppes to Cadburys Dairy Milk.

A lack of successful new brands is not only restrictive in terms of consumer choice, it is potentially disastrous for the manufacturer and ultimately for the economy. No new brands mean no new manufacturing investment, no new investment on the part of the manufacturers' suppliers, no new investment in the media – all of which have a damaging ripple effect on employment prospects throughout the economy.

Of course, retailers will go on building new outlets and making extravagant claims for their contribution to employment. Perhaps the nation of shop keepers will become a nation of shop assistants, but the consumer marketing revolution of the last 30 years based on strong brands and consumer choice is starting to look rather tired.

The author is head of research at Laurence, Prust & Co, the stockbrokers.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Oct 1. Dealings End, Oct 12. § Contango Day, Oct 15. Settlement Day, Oct 22.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.
(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

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No.	Company	Your gain or loss
	DRAPERY AND STORES	
1	Church	
2	Bentalls	
3	Grattan	
4	Lincroft Kilgour	
5	Wigfall (Henry)	
6	Executex Clothes	
7	House of Fraser	
8	Marks & Spencer	
9	Empire Stores	
10	Superdrug Stores	
	ELECTRICALS	
11	Bowthorpe	
12	Telephone Rentals	
13	Cray Elect	
14	First Castle Elec	
15	Lee Refrigeration	
16	Emess Lighting	
17	Amstrad	
18	Logica	
19	Energy Serv	
20	Farnell Elect	
	INDUSTRIALS S-Z	
21	SI	
22	Telfos	
23	Wood (SW)	
24	Westland	
25	Thomson T-line	
26	Simon Eng	
27	Staffs Potteries	
28	Trafus	
29	Smith Whitworth	
30	Shiloh	
	TEXTILES	
31	Coats Patons	
32	Gaskell Broadloom	
33	Parkland 'A'	
34	Crowther (J)	
35	SEET	
36	Mackay (Hugh)	
37	Snia Viscosa	
38	Nova (Jersey)	
39	Shaw Carpets	
40	Don Bust	
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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock		Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld %	Gross Red yld %
SHORTS						
1015m	Treas	15% 1985	101		14.774	10.396
216m	Exch C	12% 1985	100½		11.911	10.318
1120m	Treas	3% 1985	95		3.134	10.334
1208m	Treas	11½% 1985	100		11.437	10.684
363m	Treas C	8½% 1985	98½		8.883	10.514
1315m	Exch	12½% 1985	101		12.071	10.734

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
1,930.0m	HK Shanghai	87½	● −2½	4.3b	6.4	..
6,298,000	Joseph (Leopold)	228		16.1	6.8	12.5
13.7m	King & Shaxson	152	+4	11.8	7.8	12.9
207.2m	Kleinwort Benson	350	● −15	17.9	5.1	8.8
1,142.6m	Lloyds	487	−27	34.9	7.2	4.1
10.5m	Lon Scot Fin	56		3.8	6.8	10.9
7,245,000	Manson	25	● −1	1.4	5.7	9.9
195.5m	Mercury Secs	448	−5	16.4	3.7	9.4
811.5m	Midland	352	−2	36.4	10.3	5.5
72.4m	Minster Assets	169	−1	7.1	4.2	15.4
———	National Comm	225	+2	..	..	..
1,946.7m	Nat West	542	+3	36.2	6.7	4.2
———	Ottoman	£83½	−½	450	7.1	9.7
68.1m	Provident	187	● −1	13.6	8.1	7.1
24.3m	Rea Bros	90	●	1.8	2.0	29.1
1,531.7m	Royl Bnk Of Can	£16⅞	−½	..	..	7.9
607.0m	Royl Bnk Of Scot	224	−6	11.0	4.9	7.9
102.5m	Schroders	655	● −20	23.6	3.6	11.0
5,920,000	Secombe M	370	+20	28.6	7.7	12.2
13.8m	Smith St Aubyn	64	+3	6.4	10.0	5.8
737.0m	Stand Chart	474	● −16	40.0	8.4	6.5
74.3m	Union	743	+15	48.5	6.5	12.2
11.6m	Wagon	49	● −1	3.9	8.0	13.2
812.0m	Wells Fargo	234	● −½	..	..	..
18.3m	Wintrust	217		6.1	2.8	14.8

BUILDING AND ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
30.4m	Aberdeen Constr	184	● +4	9.4	5.1	9.5
142.4m	Amec	221	−2	15.0	6.8	9.0
2,000,000	Amcliffe	40	+2	3.8e	9.5	6.2
———	Atwoods			3.8		
472.2m	BPB Industries	248	−10	10.0	4.0	8.9
7,120,000	Baggeridge Brick	178	+3	8.0	4.5	9.9
158.4m	Barratt Devs	88	● +4	10.9	12.4	5.4
1,724,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	33	..	2.5	7.8	4.7
———	Beachwood		..			
22.1m	Bellway	128	..	10.0	7.8	7.3
14.4m	Benford Concrete	65	..	5.4	8.2	14.8
7,950,000	Best Bros	53	−1	4.1	7.7	14.8

INDUSTRIALS A–D

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
1,078,000	Electronic Mach	44	−1	..	..	0.1
108.5m	Electronic Rentals	45		4.6	10.2	24.9
8,618,000	Emess Lighting	159	+4	6.0	4.0	12.4
18.2m	Energy Serv	43	+3	1.6	3.7	22.4
66.6m	Eurotherm	255		5.0	2.0	28.8
228.6m	Farnell Elect	184	+4	2.1	1.2	28.4
758.1m	Ferranti	178	+2	..	..	27.1
14.0m	Fidelity	124	..	4.3	8.6	11.8
21.5m	First Castle Elec	117	● +3	2.9	2.4	13.3
6,852,000	Forward Tech	35	..	..	..	19.6

E–K

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
5,441,000	Central & Sheer	8½	−½			17.0
3,670,000	Centreway Ind	34		3.4	10.1	8.1
6,820,000	CH Ind	39½	−½	2.7	6.8	5.6
31.2m	Chamberlain Ph	88	−1	5.1	5.8	7.8
1,771,000	Chamberlain & Hill	50		4.4	8.5	6.3
9,231,000	Channing	448		11.6	2.8	14.3
3,464,000	Christie Tyler	36	● −1	2.1	5.9	2.7
58.5m	Christies Int	440	+6	12.1	2.8	20.5
780,000	Chubb Bros	35	+1	..	..	14.7

L–R

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday
2,881,000	Solicitors Law	29
2,735,000	Sparrow (GW)	28
3,150,000	Spear (JW)	78
7,980,000	Spear & Jackson	142
1,448,000	Spencer Clark	28
102.1m	Spirax-Sarco	218
4,333,000	Staffs Potteries	77
4,709,000	Stag Furniture	81
5,247,000	Standard Fireworks	140

S–Z

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
28.6m	Collins (Wm)	555	● ..	18.4	3.8	13.3
54.4m	Do 'A'	450	● −3	18.4	3.7	16.7
50.2m	East Mid Press 'A'	88	−2	3.2	3.7	15.2
157.1m	Fleet	186	● −3	7.1	3.8	14.7
5,671,000	Gordon & Gotch	123		10.7	8.7	0.2
10.5m	Haynes Publishing	210	● −3	17.1	8.2	12.8
4,000,000	Home Counties	160				
———	Independent	153	−4	12.0	7.8	
1,445.7m	Int Thomson	494	−5	14.0	2.8	18.4
50.4m	Link House	495	●	22.4	4.5	14.0
22.6m	Liverpool	202	● −16	15.9	7.9	8.4
187.1m	News International	470	● −5	12.1	2.8	0.7
77.5m	Octopus	860	● −10	13.7	7.8	27.7

BREWERIES

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS AND TV

DRAPERY AND STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE AND LAND

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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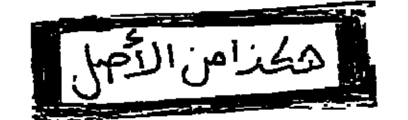
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THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

Divide risk and make money both ways

Michael Jankowski

One of the most obvious differences among stocks in the gilt-edged market is that investors have the opportunity to invest over varying periods of time. For example, an investor can lock into a yield for five years or for 25 years by buying different stocks.

This possibility creates the problem of valuing these stocks relative to each other and, after that, assessing how these relative values will alter, should overall market levels change.

For simplicity's sake, the value placed on a 15-year stock can be seen as some average of the values placed on a consecutive series of three five-year stocks or a combination of a 10-year stock and a five-year stock. Any movement in the relative value between 15-year issues and those with 10 years to maturity can only occur when investors change their views on the prospects for interest rates in the 10-15 year period.

If they expect higher interest rates than they previously thought likely, the prices of 15-year stocks will fall relative to the prices of 10-year stocks. If, however, investors become more optimistic about interest rates in that period, 15-year issues will out-perform 10-year issues.

On the graph is plotted the relative (clean) price of the Exchequer 12¼ per cent 1999 (15-year stock) against the Exchequer 12½ per cent 1994 (10-year stock). An upward movement in the line indicates the longer stock is outperforming the shorter stock and *vice versa*. As one can see, the highest relative price occurred in January of this year. This indicated that expectations of future intrest rates were low relative to what they were subsequently. The five-year yield available in 10 years' time was about 8¾ per cent compare with similar yields of 14 per cent plus in 1981.

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More recently, this "balance of term" yield had fallen again to a point just above 9 per cent. This is similar to the price ratio moving close to its January 1984 peak.

I would suggest that this 9 per cent rate is close to the limit. With real (balance of term) yields on index-linked securities at around 3 per cent, this leaves ony 6 per cent for inflation without a premium for the risk associated with misforecasting future rates of inflation. While inflation could be lower at that time, one is taking a lot on confidence. Policies as well as governments could change.

If this is the limit then, in a market rise, stocks with more than eight to nine years to maturity are likely to perform equally. One would , therefore, get the same performance by holding the shorter dates with reduced maturity risk.

There are, however, uncertainties It would seem that the eight to 11-year stocks offer the best potential

If investors expect long stocks to continue to outperform medium stocks, the most likely reason in the short term for this expectation must be based on a fall in interest rates. If real interest rates are expected to fall in 10 years' time, long stocks would outperform medium stocks. A fall in real interest rates, however, would make index-linked gilts outperform most conventional stocks. So, if one is bullish about longs, one should buy index-linked issues instead.

I am still bullish on the market and look for a fall in yields. It just happens that, what in present circumstances would be considered a defensive view is also consistent with a bullish view. Fundamental dated issues. Uncertainty supports this view. Great risks exist if real interest rates fall and one is in the shorter dates.

Index-linked gilts are a good hedge against both inflation and general uncertainty and would outperform everything were real yields to fall. I would split my investment funds between 10-year conventional stocks and index-linked issues. Why not make money both ways?

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US NOTEBOOK

Secret war behind the predictions

There is a continued drumbeat of predictions on inflation acceleration from "consensus" analysts, but the markets tell another story.

The deep-seated world oil glut is being translated into a war on price. This is not the old-fashioned kind – an overt break in the crude oil price – but a secret price war, no less desperate for that.

Huge barter deals allow the oil price to be slashed in a way that cannot be identified easily. The terms of barter deals are not reported in open market dealings, but the proliferation of barter is a sure sign that sellers are weak.

The world energy markets is not the only market in fundamental disarray.

The glut in computer products is extending into the whole communications area.

Even the money numbers have overstated the extent of the inflationary pressure.

Mr Peter Canelo, monetary economist at Merrill Lynch, recently reported on the work of Rick Hoffer of the St Louis Fed and Mr Paul Teten of Criterian Investment Management. According to these economists what we used to called "Money M1A" (currency and demand deposits) gives much better forecasts of inflation than M1.

Money M1A has grown much more slowly than M1. It has explained much better than M1 the combination of strong growth and low inflation

In the two months ended September, the annual growth rate of M1A dropped in to negative territory, falling at 0.8 per cent a year. In the two months ended August, it fell at a rate of 1.6 per cent a year.

These are important results, as M1A forecast the drop in inflation in 1982 and 1983 far better than M1.

The Federal Reserve appears to have decided on some acceleration of money growth in order to forestall a too-sharp reduction in economic growth.

Maxwell Newton

USM REVIEW

Big two stay top of issues league

Simon & Coates and Phillips & Drew, the brokers topping the USM new issues league, are dangling new offerings before the investing community.

Today S & C is due to place shares in an unusual creation, Hawtal Whiting Holdings, a design engineering consultancy for the motor industry. Dealings in the shares should start next Monday.

Phillips & Drew is a little further along the road with Addison Communications, a corporate design and financial public relations business. The placing was completed last week and the shares make their market debut today.

This means that Simon & Coates still tops the new issues table. Since the junior market was launched nearly four years ago it had mounted 22 launches. Phillips & Drew is in second spot with 20 offerings.

Both Hawtal Whiting and Addison are service companies with their main assets riding up and down in office lifts. A third newcomer, from Henderson Crosthwaite & Co, the broker, is also a service business, Craton Lodge & Knight Group, a new product development consultancy. It is Henderson's second USM issue.

Hawtal Whiting has one of the most erratic profit records of any company to present itself for USM consideration.

Final details of the placing will be agreed this morning but it seems the company will enjoy a £12.5m market capitalization, reasonable for a business which is forecasting profits of £1.9m in the year to January.

Last year Hawtal made just £442,000. In the previous year, it was £112,000 in the red and the highest it achieved in the three earlier years was £116,000.

Mr Kenneth Sinclair, Hawtal's secretary, explains the profits leap, thus: "The sales volume in all sectors has increased without a corresponding increase in fixed costs".

Hawtal Whiting was started 14 years ago by its three present directors (all formerly with Ford) and has carved out an unusual role in the highly competitive motor industry.

Part of its activity is providing skilled engineers, for example to General Motors. Several factors have left GM short of the people it needs and Hawtal now has 115 of its workforce offering British skills to the American company.

With such a volatile profits record it would be surprising if the group is not in a position to top its £1.9m forecast.

Among the other newcomers, Addison is forecasting profits of £510,000 in the year to December. The company is the result of a merger between the design and public relation groups.

The company's shares were placed at 116p, which values the business at £6.3m.

Derek Pain

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● **BOUSTEAD:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £23.8m (£22.3m). Pretax profit ££20,000 (£11,000). Loss per share (net basis): 0.43p (loss 0.81p). No interim payment (0.5p). The board is confident that the second half's figures will show a marked improvement over the first.

● **HAMMERSON PROPERTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT:** Half-year to June 30. Pretax profit £15.39m (£11.58m). Interim dididend 2p (1.5p, adjusted).

● **MASSEY-FERGUSON:** Half-year to July 31. Turnover £302.63m (£272.17m). Pretax profit £8.99m (£4.26m). No interim payment (same).

● **WESTWOOD DAWES:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £890,000 (£1.65m). Operating loss £113,000 (profit £29,000). No interim dividend (same).

● **PERCY BILTON:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £13.93m (£10.09m). Pretax profit £5m (£4.73m). Interim payment 3.9p (3.7p).

● **JOHNSTON GROUP:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £28.31m (£25.23m). Pretax profit £1.58m (£1.83m). Interim pay 2p (same). The board expects the year's profits to be in the range £4m to £4.5m, in spite of the largely non-recurring costs incurred in civil engineering and the absence of any substantial export orders for Armaflo pipes. Pretax profit for 1983 were £5.9m.

● **NORTH BRITISH CANADIAN INVESTMENT:** Half-year to Aug 31. Pretax profit £311,000 (£324,000). Interim payment 1.9p (same.

● **TORDAY AND CARLISLE** (traded on the over-the-counter market): Half-year to June 30. Turnover £5.11m (£4.9m). Pretax profit £208,000 (£149,000). Interim dividend 1.5p. Torday has concluded an agreement with the Cookson Group for the sale of 75 per cent of its interest in Electrofoils. This will result in a susbstantial strengthening of Torday's balance sheet and a reduction in borrowings.

● **EASTERN PRODUCE (HOLDINGS):** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £26.25m (£20.2m). Pretax profit £8.57m (£3.35m). Interim payment 2.5p (1.5p).

● **SILKOLENE LUBRICANTS:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £12.61m (£9.48m). Pretax profit £580,000 (£564,000. E P S 9.6p (9.5p). Interim payment 3p (2.5p). The board reports that the current level of the company's business remains high. But, as prices remain weak, the year's profits may not be materially different from 1983.

● **GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £21.38m (£22.12m). Pretax profit £332,000 (£444,000). Interim dividend 1.5p (same).

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Adam & Company	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Citibank Savings †	11½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10½%
C. Hoare & Co *	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%
Citibank NA	10½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7¾%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 8%; £50,000 and over, 8¼%.

APPOINTMENTS

Bank group names chief

PRIVATbanken Limited: Mr **Christian Frigast** has become chief executive. Mr **John McVittie**, previously vice-president of Continental Illinois National Bank, has been appointed a managing director of PRIVATbanken.

Interface Network: Mr **Tim Leigh**, a director, has become chairman. Mr **Ronnie Colvin**, product and operations manager, has been made a director.

Stone International: Sir **John Moore** has been appointed consultant director for UK operatins.

HAY–MSL Management Consultants: Mr **Scott Anderson**, UK managing director, has become chairman. He succeeds **Mr Bill Younger** who is retiring. The new managing director is **Mr Barry Curnow**, the company's director of operations. **Mr Stephen Taylor**, head of the public sector division has joined the board.

Lovell Group Services: Mr **John Cooper** Has been appointed director responsible for quality control.

Tate & Lyle: Mr **L R Wilson** has joined the board.

Guardall: Mr **Christopher Hutton-Penman**, marketing director, has been appointed managing director of the company. He succeeds Mr **Ernest Penfold** who now becomes chairman.

Floyd Oil Participations: Mr **W. G. Hill** has joined the board. **Dr V. S. Colter** is leaving the company and Mr Hill will act in his place as a managing director for the time being.

Taylor Harrison Group: Mr **Edward Shaw** has become chief executive of media sales for the group from October 1.

TRW Cam Gears: Mr **James J. McCluskey** has been elected chairman and managing director.

MOTOR RACING

Lauda is pushed to the limit as Prost closes the title gap

From John Blunsden, Nürburg

Alain Prost scored his sixth grand prix success of the season and the eleventh in fifteen races for the dominant Marlboro McLaren team when he led the European grand prix from start to finish on the new Nurburgring and so made sure that the battle for this year's World Championship will not be decided until the final race in Portugal in two weeks' time.

Prost had to win in Germany to be sure of sustaining his challenge to his team partner Niki Lauda, who now goes into the final round at Estoril with his lead cut to four and a half points after finishing only fourth behind Michele Alboreto's Ferrari and Nelson Piquet's Brabham-BMW, both of which ran out of fuel as they approached the finishing line.

Lauda ran into trouble on the 22nd of the 67 laps when running close behind Derek Warwick's Renault and Alboreto's car as they were about to lap Mauro Baldi's Spirit-Hart. The first two slipped past, but Lauda found himself with insufficient room and spun off, flat-spotting his tyres. He just retained his sixth place, and gained two more positions when both the Renaults retired, but he was unable to sustain his counter-attack after his fourth gear became difficult to engage. If Prost should again win in Estoril, Lauda must finish at least second in order to take the title for the third time.

The 26-car field was reduced to 21 on the first lap by a tangle at the first S-bend after the start, during which Ayrton Senna's Toleman-Hart flew over the back of Keke Rosberg's Williams-Honda, eliminating both cars as well as Marc Surer's Arrow-BMW, Piercarlo Ghinzani's Osella-Alfa-Romeo and Gerhard Berger's ATS-BMW. No-one was injured.

Up at the front, Prost was chased initially by Patrick Tambay's Renault, with Piquet just ahead of Warwick's Renault in third place and the two Ferraris of Alboreto and Arnoux heading the Alfa Romeos of Riccardo Patrese and Eddie Cheever.

Rain during the qualifying periods had considerably upset the grid order, but Lauda, who started fifteenth, was already up to ninth on the first lap, while Elio de Angelis, twenty-third on the grid, was up to eleventh by the end of the lap.

But it was to be a bad day for the JPS Lotus team, de Anglis dropping out after twenty-five laps when his engine cut out completely, and Nigel Mansell, who slipped to 20th in avoiding the first-lap fracas, climbing majestically through to sixth place only to suffer a major engine blow up and spin off on his own oil.

Tambay's challenge to Prost lasted until lap 42, when he slipped back before retiring with engine trouble, then Warwich took up the Renault challenge, holding third place until breaking an exhaust pipe, then losing turbo pressure and finally suffering a turbo failure.

Having built his lead to over thirty seconds, Prost eased up, enabling Piquet to close to within ten seconds during the final lap, with Alboreto right behind him in third place. But the race was a few yards too long for both cars using their last drop of fuel, both drivers coaxed their way across the line, the Ferrari passing the Brabham in the final seconds. Ironically, the Alfa-Romeo, usually the thirstiest of all the cars, made it strongly to the flag, although Patrese, in finishing sixth, had already been lapped, perhaps fortuitously. At least he didn't have to cover those last 2.8 miles.

RESULTS: 1, A Prost (Fr) Marlboro McLaren-TAG 67 laps, 1hr 35min 13.284sec (119.148); 2, M Alboreto (It) Ferrari 1.35.37.195; 3, N Piquet (Br) Brabham-BMW 1.35.38.206; 4, N Lauda (Aut) Marlboro McLaren TAG 1.35.56.370; 5, R Arnoux (Fr) Ferrari 1.36.14.714; 6, R Patrese (It) Alfa Romeo 66 laps; 7, A de Cesaris (It) Ligier-Renault 65 laps; 8, M Baldi (It) Spirit-Hart 65 laps; 9, T Boutsen (Bel) Arrows-BMW 64 laps; 10, F Hesnault (Fr) Ligier-Renault 64 laps; 11, D Warwick (GB) Renault 61 laps (not running at finish).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS: Drivers: 1, Lauda 66pts; 2, Prost 61½; 3, De Angelis 29½; 4, Piquet 29; 5, Alboreto 27; 6, Arnoux 24½; 7, Warwick 23; 8, Rosberg 20½; 9, Mansell 13; 10, Tambay 10; equal 11, Senna, Fabi and Patrese 8; 14, Laffite 5; [illegible] Constructors: 1, McLaren-TAG 127½; 2, Ferrari 53½; 3, Lotus-Renault 42½; 4, Brabham-BMW 38; 5, Renault 33; 6, Williams-Honda 24; equal 7 Toleman-Hart and Alfa-Romeo 11; [illegible] Osella-Alfa Romeo and Ligier-Renault 2. (McLaren-TAG are 1984 World Champions).

● There will be no Formula One Grand Prix races in Japan and Budapest next year, an International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) spokesmen said here. Japan has difficulties with track preparation, while East-West political relations are believed to have overshadowed prospects of staging a race in Hungary.

Dumfries in top form

Johnny Dumfries produced another excellent performance on the Silverstone grand prix circuit yesterday in the final round of the Marlboro British Formula 3 championship (Jeremy Shaw writes). Already assured of the series title, the Team BP Ralt-VW driver led throughout a shortened 15-lap race from pole position, scoring his tenth victory of the season.

Allen Berg, from Canada, could not match the pace of Dumfries but made certain of the runner-up placing in the championship standings.

MARLBORO BRITISH FORMULA 3 CHAMPIONSHIP: (15 laps): 1, J Dumfries (GB) Ralt-VW RT3, 21min 27.54sec (122.96 mph); 2, A Berg (Canada) Ralt-Toyota RT3, 21:33.56; 3, A Gilbert-Scott (GB) Ralt-VW RT3, 21:33.88; 4, R Spence (GB) Ralt-VW RT3, 21:34.07; 5, D Scott (GB) Ralt-VW RT3, 21:38.36; 6, C Abella (Spain) Ralt-Toyota RT3 21:40.04. Fastest lap: Spence 1:25.26 (123.80 mph (record).

MOTOR RACING

Gardner's glory time

By Michael Scott

Wayne Gardner became the first Australian to win the British Motor Cycle Championship, sponsored by Shellsport, at Oulton Park on Saturday, narrowly beating Rob McElnea of Britain to win both the race and the title.

The 24-year-old Honda rider Gardner was unaware that Britain's Steve Parrish – the only man with enough points to challenge him had dropped out with mechnical trouble just after the halfway stage. He rode smoothly through from sixth place to beat McElnea, on a Suzuki, and Roger Marshall, the 1983 champion.

Now Gardner's main concern, in common with Barry Sheene and Ron Hasla, is to find sponsorship for a world championship effort in 1985.

RESULTS: Shellsport 500cc British Championship: 1, W Gardner (Honda) 14min 18sec (96.81mph); 2, R McElnea (Suzuki) 14:19.0; 3, R Marshall (Honda) 14:20.0; 4, P Lewis (Suzuki); 5, M Grant (Suzuki); 6, G Lingham. British 250cc championship: 1, D McLeod (Yamaha) 17:57.2; (94.57mph); 2, T Head (Armstrong) 18:02.6; 3, S Williams (Yamaha) 18:08.6 4, P Mellor (Yamaha); 5, G Fowler (Yamaha); 6, G MacGregor (EMC). British sidecar championship: 1, S Webster/T Hewitt (Yamaha) 14:40.9 (96.28mph); 2, D Bailey/B Nixon (Yamaha) 14:44.6; 3, S Abbott/S Smith (Yamaha) 15:00.2; 4, M Barton/S Birchall (Yamaha); 5, M Boddle/M Birks (Yamaha); 6, D & J Bingham (Yamaha).

CRICKET

Australians coast to series win

Indore (Reuter) – Australia coasted to a six-wicket victory in the final match of the one-day series against India on Saturday.

The win gave Australia a 3-0 triumph in the five-match series, with two matches abandoned because of rain. And it was Australia's first one-day series victory abroad in almost three years.

Ravi Shastri, a makeshift opener, did his best to half the Australians' run of success with a century in India's score of 235 for five in 43 overs. But the Australians paced their reply well to reach 236 for four

Shastri, promoted to open because of the failure of India's specialist batsmen, hit 11 fours and a six in his innings of 102.

The Indian innings was built around a 115-run third wicket partnership between Gavaskar and Shastri. Australia had their own hero in left-arm spinner Murray Bennett, who celebrated both his 28th birthday and debut in international cricket by conceding only 37 runs in his 10 overs when the Indian pair were in full flight.

Australian openers Wayne Phillips and Steve Smith put on 53 in only seven overs, and Greg Ritchie top scored with 59 not out.

INDIA

G Parkar b Rackemann	6
R Shastri b Maguire	102
R Binny c Ritchie b Maguire	37
*S M Gavaskar b Maguire	40
K Azad c Smith b Rackemann	11
Kapil Dev not out	22
†S Khanna not out	1
Extras (b 5, l-b 3, w 4, n-b 4)	16
Total (5 wkts, 43 overs)	235

Madan Lal, Manouj Prabhakar, B S Sandhu and Ashok Patel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–23, 2–83, 3–198, 4–207, 5–217

BOWLING: Lawson 9–2–48–0, Rackemann 8–1–37–2, Maguire 10–0–61–3, Bennett 10–0–37–0, Wessels 6–0–44–0.

AUSTRALIA

S Smith c Dev b Ashok Patel	56
W Phillips c Ashok Patel b Kapil Dev	33
G Yallop b Ashok Patel	42
G Ritchie not out	59
K J Hughes c Prabhakar b Ashok Patel	5
K Wessels not out	35
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 1)	5
Total (4 wkts, 40.1 overs)	236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–53, 2–122, 3–153, 4–163.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8–0–62–1, Prabhakar 2–0–16–0, B S Sandhu 6–0–38–0, Madan Lal 6–0–19–0, Ashok Patel 10–0–43–3, Azad 2–0–16–0, Shastri 6–0–35–0, Gavaskar 0.1–0–4–0.

HORSE TRIALS

Mrs Green fails the memory test

By Jenny MacArthur

Lucinda Green, the three-day event world champion and Olympic team silver medalist caused a major upset in form in the final of the Macconnal-Mason Thornycroft series of horse trials at Rotherfield Park, Hampshire, yesterday when she was eliminated from the dressage phase on the seven-year-old Brass Monkey for performing the wrong advanced test.

"There was no excuse. I just had not learned the right test", said Mrs Green, who won the event last year on Shannagh. "The judge very kindly let me look at the correct test to see if it would jog my memory but, as I had never seen it before in my life, I could not go on.

"It's the sort of thing I hope only happens once in a lifetime and it happened today." Mrs Green was allowed to compete Hors Concours, and rode Brass Monkey to a slow but clear round in the cross country.

The advance section found a deserving winner in 32-year-old Richard Ayre, a farmer from Somerset, on his outstanding Gatcombe Park winner, Tuppence.

Ayre, who does not compete in three-day events because be cannot afford to take time off from his farm work, finished the day on the same score as Master Chester, ridden by Katie Parker.

RESULTS: Advance Section: 1, Tuppence (R Ayre) 57; 2, Master Chester (K Parker) 57; 3, Michaelmas Day (P Alderson) 62. Intermediate Section one: 1, Kings's Jester (J Thelwall) 45; 2, The Moroccan (P Holmes) 51; 3, Trekhala (J Barnes) 55. Intermediate section two: 1, Fleetwater Opposition (D Green) 34; 2, Red Riot (R Walker) 43; 3, Mosaic Masterpiece (K Eustace) 49. Intermediate Section Three: 1 Go By Joe (C Meads) 40; 2, Just Double Top (M Brake) 47; 3, Trust-in-me (A Harris) 50.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

GOLA LEAGUE: Nuneaton v Kidderminster.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Hyde United v Grantham.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE, BILL DELLOW CUP, First round: Corby v VS Rugby; Hednesford v Willenhall.
CENTRAL LEAGUE, First division: Newcastle v Derby (7.0). Second division: Leicester v Oldham (7.0).
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE; Hitachi Cup, First round: Bognor Regis v Hayes; Croydon v Bromley.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: First round replay: Charlton v Colchester (7.0); Gillingham v West Ham.
FA CUP, Second qualifying round: North Shields v Whitby; Poole v Witney.

FOOTBALL: WORKERS AND GRAFTERS DEPRIVE SPECTATORS OF REAL QUALITY



Level headed goalkeeping: Southall saves for Everton at Highbury (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

A lone cry for entertainment

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Parrots could be trained to take the part of managers during post-match press conferences. The book of modern phrases ("two sides desperate to win, lots of commitment, had to battle away, they didn't give us much space, there wasn't much good football") could be learnt in no time.

Such lines have become sickeningly repetitive. Don Howe and Howard Kendall used all of them on Saturday, and they might as well have been reviewing the season so far rather than Arsenal's 1-0 victory over Everton. It was all the more disappointing that they should be talking undeniably accurately about two side of supposed quality.

Howe admitted that the afternoon lay in the control of the "workers and grafters", tanks built for sped to grind the opposition into the turf. Since both clubs are regarded as genuine title contenders, he thought it likely that the event would in effect be a non-event. It was. So was the fixture between Manchester United and Liverpool a fortnight ago.

When, the public may ask, are they entitled to expect to be entertained. One answer is to watch Luton Town. Their manager, David Pleat, has stated that clubs should remember their responsibility to other spectators, but his is a lone voice crying in the barren wilderness. Parrots would take longer to mimic his vocabulary.

It is not as if Pleat, whose side became the first visitors to win three times on the carpet at Loftus Road, is not under pressure. He may chase the championship only in his dreams, but Luton's struggle for survival is real. In the last two years he has been forced to sell a whole team's worth of talent.

The managers of leading clubs will claim they have heavier responsibilities towards their chairmen and the more committed among their followers. "You can see that the players are not enjoying this sort of game," Howe said, "but it is important to win because people go away frustrated if you lose."

He added that Arsenal, now the League leaders, would not have emerged triumphant from such a fierce and untidy contest last season. He gave the growing "soundness" of his central defensive partnership, O'Leary and Caton, as one reason. The other is the form of Robson, the most effective tank on the battlefield.

He and his namesake, Bryan, of Manchester United, are the epitome of the English game. Both of the Robson reputations are founded on their power and their stamina. Howe concedes that Arsenal's version, Stewart, is short on technique. "He cannot stroke the ball around and he occasionally overruns it, but he is full of enthusiasm and running."

Those relatively ordinary qualities were enough for him to be the most influential figure. More delicate artists, such as Nicholas and particularly the wayward Rix, who is likely to return to the England squad today, made little impression. All of Everton's meagre offerings were fashioned by Heath but Sharp and Steven failed to accept them.

Even the lone goal, deep into injury time at the end of the first half, was messy. Mountfield's discreet push on Nicholas seemed at worst to be obstruction, but the referee, who learned of the offence only after a discussion with a linesman, awarded a penalty. Nicholas himself scored from the spot.

So did Davenport, to enable Nottingham Forest to stay second, and Stewart, to usher West Ham United up into fifth place. Their supporters will be satisfied, but, after the smiles, the fun and the goals of last weekend, the first division returned as a whole to the more serious business and the rugged life for which it is renowned.

ARSENAL: P Jennings; V Anderson, K Sansom, B Talbot, D O'Leary, T Caton, S Robson, G Rix, P Mariner, A Woodcock, C Nicholas.
EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P van den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, G Sharp, P Bracewell, K Richardson.
Referee: D Hedges (Oxford).

Turner's gambles end with a Six

By Paul Harrison

Aston Villa 3
Manchester United 0

Graham Turner had one of those Saturday afternoons every deserving football manger should experience now and again. His team had played magnificently, all of them, toppling more vaunted opponents, and as if that were not enough, all his gambles had paid off.

Like throwing in Didier Six, the French international winger on loan from Mulhouse, after only four days training for a first competitive match in four months. Like keeping faith with Brendan Ormsby in the centre of his defence, despite the recovery of Steve Foster from influenza and the general expectation that he would be immediately restored. Like recalling Steve McMahon to midfield after injury.

Ron Atkinson, the United manager, could not believe how well Six had fitted in, although the Frenchman himself was only too happy to submerge the effectiveness of his own contribution beneath the general excellence of the team effort.

From soundness in defence, through a dominant midfield to a virile attack, Villa always had this game by the scruff of the neck. Cowans was back approaching his best, and McMahon was a revelation, finding Six with cross-field passes that were a delight; testing Bailey with long-range drives.

Six showed just what can be expected from a man who has played more than 50 times for France, making the cross for Withe to score with one of his thunderous headers after 20 minutes. There was a frisson of excitement every time Six got the ball, and when he was substituted after 76 minutes, he left to a resounding ovation. There was no need for the foul on the totally subdued Olsen after 63 minutes that earned a booking.

With the loss of their unbeaten record, United learned again how much they rely on Robson, who has a hamstring injury. It is not a lesson they enjoy repeating. Robson will struggle to be fit for next Saturday.

Withe clearly had the whiff of cordite in his nostrils. He uses any part of his body that comes into contact with the ball: his head for flicking on; his chest for knocking down to someone else's feet; his knees for holding the ball when scrambling about on the deck.

It was from his knock-down on the edge of the area that Evans stabbed the ball through a crowd of players and past Bailey for the second goal after 25 minutes. Withe headed down Cowans's corner so accurately after 56 minutes that Rideout had time to stamp on the ball before steering it home.

Six may have been the first player to leave the action, but Withe was the last, revelling in the Holte End's adulation.

ASTON VILLA: M Day, G Williams, C Gibson, A Evans, B Ormsby, S McMahon, P Birch, P Rideout, P Withe, G Cowans, D Six (sub M Walters).
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey, M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Moses, K Moran, G Hogg, G Strachan, A Muhren, M Hughes, A Brazil, J Olsen.
Referee: B Hill (Kettering).

Tottenham set a mystery

By Nicholas Harling

Southampton 1
Tottenham Hotspur 0

How Tottenham Hotspur had been top of the League, let alone score 24 goals in their previous six games, remained a mystery after this apology of a match. Of their three shots on target, Shilton comfortably dealt with those from Hazard and Crooks before demonstrating that his reflexes were still in perfect working order by making a blinding save from a volley by Falco.

It all added up to a meagre ration for a team whose UEFA Cup defence will flounder if they show as little enterprise in opening up continental sweeper defences as they did Southampton's, which is not in any case the most sophisticated.

Why, though, Tottenham had to show such respect to opponents with a record like Southampton's was baffling. Their wingers, Chiedozie and Galvin, seemed more preoccupied with stopping Southampton's full backs advancing than getting to the by-line themselves. On the rare occasions they did get past, their crosses ended up in the terraces more often than not.

The match had so little going for it that even the ghoulish element, who had come expecting a collision between the two toughnuts, Roberts and Jordan, must have been disappointed for hostilities never even got off the ground. They may have bared their teeth at each other, in Jordan's case what teeth he has left, but otherwise there was no antagonism.

The only booking was Hughton's for a handling offence which he repeated later only to get a talking to this time. With heir full back seemingly intent on getting himself sent off, Spurs did the sensible thing and took him off instead.

With a result, any result, a priority, after their midweek UEFA Cup dismissal and poor position in the League, Southampton, were as, Peter Shreeves, the Tottenham manager, predicted, at their most resolute. "We knew it would be a tight, hard match," he said. And so it was, even more so to the detriment of entertainment once Southampton had scored on the half hour when Jrdan nodded down Wallace's corner for Moran to score a typical opportunist goal.

After that, Southampton's resolve increased and they would have scored again on the break in e 83rd minute had Wallace, who had been released by Mills in his own half, not struck a post. Still, Lawrie McMenemy was happy. "It was a very exciting match," the Southampton manager said, but not everyone was in agreement.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; M Mills, M Dennis, S Williams, M Wright, K Bond, N Holmes, A Curtis, J Jordan, S Moran, D Wallace.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; G Stevens, C Hughton (sub: G Mabbutt), G Roberts, P Miller, S Perryman, J Chiedozie, M Falco, A Galvin, M Hazard, G Crooks.

Sympathy for fellow struggler

By Vince Wright

Watford 0
Coventry City 1

Are Watford just experiencing a bad patch, or will they continue to struggle? Bobby Gould Coventry City's manager, who knows one or two things about adversity, had no hesitation in voicing the first opinion after his side had taken the points from a scrappy, bottom-of-the-table encounter at Vicarage Road.

Gould sympathizes with Graham Taylor's plight but added that he was a great manager who had contributed so much to the club and the game. Gould was also confident that Watford had the skill and character to recover from recent setbacks.

Saturday's defeat was probably the most disheartening this season. Watford never played well enough to win, but did not deserve to lose. The timing and nature of Coventry's goal was cruel. There were only three minutes remaining when Terry and Sinnott culpably failed to deal with Peake's long, high and hopeful punt up the middle. Gibson was past them in a flash, and beat Coton with a firm, left-footed shot

So Watford, the only team without a League win this season, stay at the foot of the first division, three points adrift of the nearest club, and Coventry, last but one before this match, move a place higher after their first away victory in the League this year. In the previous week's game against Arsenal, Coventry saw a 1-0 lead turn into a 2-1 deficit in the final five minutes. However, on this occasion, they saved their best until last.

Like most teams in trouble, Watford are out of luck as well. They were denied the early goal they badly needed when a fierce free kick by John Barnes hit the underside of the bar.

Good goalkeeping by Ogrizovic and sound defending by Peake and Butterworth gave Watford little encouragement on a day when the Hornets lost their sting. Callaghan's accurate centres have led to many Watford goals, but he hardly produced a worthwhile cross all afternoon. Johnston and Reilly, a deadly partnership last season, caused Coventry few alarms, and John Barnes faded after a deceptively lively opening.

Peter Barnes, making his first appearance for Coventry, had what many of his colleagues - colleagues lacked - composure and flair. At the age 27, he still has plenty of time to ressurect his England career.

WATFORD: A Coton; D Bardsley, K Jackett, L Taylor, S Terry, L Sinnott, N Callagham, M Johnston, G Reilly, G Porter (sub: L Blissett), J Barnes.
COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; A Spring, M Adams, I Butterworth, D Bennett, T Peake, K Hibbitt, M Gynn, P Barnes, T Gibson, N Platnauer.
Referee: D Axcell (southend).

Celtic close gap on Aberdeen

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic revealed all their traditional attacking skills to give Aberdeen their first league defeat of the season at Parkhead and tear the premier division championship race wide open.

It was a fiery game with more than a few glimpses of fascinating play. Celtic had the edge and deserved their 2-1 win with goals from McGarvey and Provan, whose Brazilian-styled free kink near the end gave his team victory. Another marvellous goal was that scored by MacDougall which gave Aberdeen the equalizer, but the visitors missed a penalty at a time when they appeared to be about to take command.

Aberdeen seem likely to lodge a complaint with the Scottish Football Association about the too robust treatment by Celtic attackers of their goalkeeper Leighton, who was twice injured when charged as he tried to cut out crosses. Aberdeen's officials were upset by the handling of the game by the referee, Bob Valentine, who, ironically, was the subject of complaint by Celtic in the cup final last season which was won, also by 2-1, by Aberdeen.

It was a bitter time of reflection for Rangers. "That was our worst display of the season," the manager, Jock Wallace, said after a surprising 1-0 defeat by Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle. Robertson scored for Hearts, who ended a harrowing run of seven games without a win

Dundee United beat lowly Dunbarton by only 1-0 at home, with Coyle the scorer, and Morton at last showed their old fighting spirit to draw 1-1 with Dundee.

Penney rocks tight ship of Saunders

By Clive White

Brighton 2
Birmingham City 0

If Birmingham City are the best the second division has to offer then there was a case at the Goldstone Ground on Saturday for making the first division a closed championship. What was particularly damning was that not only did the second division leaders look inferior to anything in the first division, but they also looked inferior to the Birmingham side who were relegated last season.

The fact that Chris Cattlin, the Brighton manager, should remark that he was looking forward to playing football with Birmingham after the midweek match at Wimbledon with "a team of hammer-throwers" is a reflection upon the cleaner image Ron Saunders has attempted to give Birmingham. The only violence on Saturday came from a few of their supporters. But this manager may have had regrets in that direction after his team's spineless first-half performance which only improved as Brighton tired from their commendable first-half efforts. For a man who runs such a tight ship, it was some admission that he was carrying four or five passengers. He thought that the strategic positioning of a few rockets would sort matters out.

Birmingham's problems, though, were at both ends, if primarily the rear. Saunders must have felt like a man who after buying a painting then learned from the seller that it was a fake. That is, perhaps, a little harsh on Jones, who joined Birmingham from Brighton last week in an exchange deal which

Saunders: cleaner image

took Ferguson the other way. But Jones was horribly exposed by Penney, who must be worth a pretty one to Brighton.

Penney's thrilling display will undoubtedly be relayed to Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, since he can play on either flank. But it is on the left side that this well-balanced and well adjusted young man is more likely to give Bingham the goals he needs. He repeatedly darted inside his full back on Saturday to smite shots of fine accuracy and power with the favoured right foot.

Brighton's 15th minute lead, through the sturdy Jacobs, suddenly came under a mild threat, but Brimingham never look like extending their four away wins, and anyway that impressive record had already been marred by conceding their first goal. With seven minutes left, Brighton tranished it still further as Penney left Roberts trailing badly before pounding a right-footed shot past the only unhappy Seaman in Brighton.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION: G Moseley; C Hutchings, S Gatting S Jacobs, G O'Reilly, G Pearce, D Wilson, J Case, M Ferguson (sub: F Worthington), T Connor, S Penney.
BIRMINGHAM CITY: D Seaman; M Jones, B Roberts, W Wright, K Armstrong, G Daly, J Hagan, W Clarke, M Harfor, D Bremner, A Rees (sub: M Kuhl).

Ramsey is ordered off again

Swindon 1, Peterborough 1

Chris Ramsey, the Swindon full-back was sent off in the 64th minute of the game with Peterborough yesterday for a foul. Ramsey had been booked just before the interval. It was the second time in eight games that Ramsey had been sent off. Swindon led through Mayes (20th minute) but Slack equalized.

Palace 0 Barnsley 1

After spending most of the game on the defensive Barnsley broke away eight minutes from time to condemn Crystal Palace to their second home defeat of the season. Thomas raced through unchallenged and rounded Wood in the Palace goal, only for his effort to hit the post. He reacted quickly to the rebound and crossed for Geddis to score.

Doncaster 0 Rotherham 1

Doncaster's defence made the mistake of not playing to the whistle in the in the second half and Simmons ran on unopposed to score the only goal. Rotherham, faster to the ball, were the more dangerous in the first half, but Doncaster had the best scoring chances.

Tempest signs

Huddersfield Town completed their first signing of the season on Saturday by paying Fulham £20,000 for the forward, Dale Tempest. The fee was fixed on Friday by a League tribunal sitting in London.

Banks joins Villa

Gordon Banks, England's goalkeeper in the 1966 World Cup finals, is to join Aston Villa's coaching staff on a part-time basis

First division

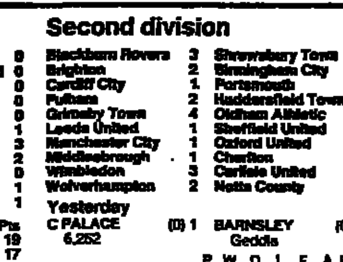


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Aston Villa	3	Manchester United	0
Liverpool	0	West Bromwich	0
Newcastle United	3	Ipswich Town	0
Norwich City	0	Chelsea	0
Nottingham Forest	1	Stoke City	1
QPR	2	Luton Town	3
Sheffield Wed	2	Sunderland	2
Southampton	1	Tottenham	0
Watford	0	Coventry City	1
West Ham United	3	Leicester City	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	9	6	1	2	18	10	19
Nottingham Forest	9	5	2	2	18	10	17
Tottenham	9	5	1	3	20	10	16
Sheffield Wed	9	4	3	2	17	13	15
West Ham United	9	4	3	2	12	11	15
Manchester United	9	3	5	1	14	8	14
Newcastle United	9	4	2	3	19	19	14
Everton	9	4	2	3	16	17	14
Chelsea	9	3	4	2	11	7	13
Aston Villa	9	4	1	4	14	18	13
Liverpool	9	2	5	2	12	12	11
Ipswich Town	9	2	5	2	11	11	11
Sunderland	9	2	5	2	11	11	11
QPR	8	2	4	2	16	17	10
Southampton	9	2	4	3	11	13	10
Norwich City	9	2	4	3	11	14	10
West Bromwich	9	2	3	4	13	13	9
Leicester City	9	2	3	4	12	18	9
Luton Town	9	2	3	4	11	17	9
Coventry City	9	2	2	5	6	11	8
Stoke City	8	1	4	3	8	15	7
Watford	9	0	4	5	15	21	4

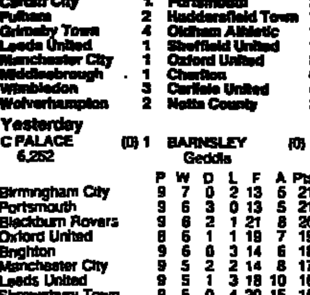
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SCHOOLS: Gillette Trophy Second Round: Ipswich & South Suffolk 3, East Norfolk 0; Manchester 0, Preston 1, Stockport 5, Wirral 1; Wigan 4, Pendle 1; West Lancs 3, Tameside 1.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First Division: Gillingham 3 Cambridge Utd 0; Ipswich 5 Arsenal 0; Millwall 0 West Ham 3; Orient 3 Watford 1; QPR 1 Southend 0; Norwich 0 Chelsea 0. Second Division: Bristol Rovers 0 Luton 2; Oxford Utd 3 Brighton 0; [illegible]

Second division

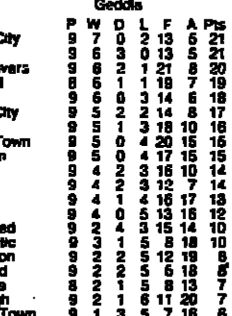


Blackburn Rovers	3	Shrewsbury Town	1
Brighton	2	Birmingham City	0
Cardiff City	1	Portsmouth	2
Fulham	2	Huddersfield Town	1
Grimsby Town	4	Oldham Athletic	1
Leeds United	1	Sheffield United	1
Manchester City	1	Oxford United	0
Middlesbrough	1	Charlton	0
Wimbledon	3	Carlisle United	0
Wolverhampton	2	Notts County	3

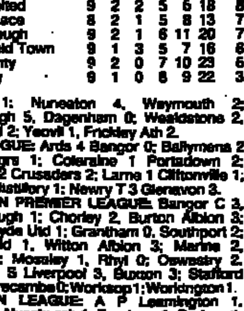
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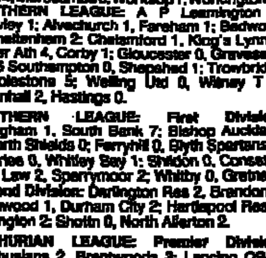


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Blackburn Rovers	9	6	2	1	21	8	20
Oxford United	8	6	1	1	19	7	19
Brighton	9	6	0	3	14	6	18
Manchester City	9	5	2	2	14	8	17
Leeds United	9	5	1	3	18	10	16
Shrewsbury Town	9	5	0	4	20	15	15
Grimsby Town	9	5	0	4	17	15	15
Charlton	9	4	2	3	16	10	14
Barnsley	9	4	2	3	12	7	14
Wimbledon	9	4	1	4	16	17	13
Fulham	9	4	0	5	13	16	12
Sheffield United	9	2	4	3	15	14	10
Oldham Athletic	9	3	1	5	8	18	10
Wolverhampton	9	2	2	5	12	19	8
Carlisle United	9	2	2	5	6	18	8
Crystal Palace	8	2	1	5	8	13	7
Middlesbrough	9	2	1	6	11	20	7
Huddersfield Town	9	1	3	5	7	16	6
Notts County	9	2	0	7	10	23	6
Cardiff City	9	1	0	8	9	22	3



Dartford 1: Nuneaton 4, Weymouth 2; Scarborough 5, Dagenham 0; Wealdstone 2, Telford Utd 2; Yeovil 1, Frickley Ath 2.
IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 4 Bangor 0; Ballymena 2 Carrick Rgrs 1; Coleraine 1 Portadown 2; Glentoran 2 Crusaders 2; Larne 1 Cliftonville 1; Linfield 3 Distillery 1; Newry T 3 Glenavon 3.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor C 3, Gainsborough 1; Chorley 2, Burton Albion 3; Goole 0, Hyde Utd 1; Grantham 0, Southport 2; Macclesfield 1, Witton Albion 3; Marine 2, Horwich 2; Mossley 1, Rhyl 0; Oswestry 2, Matlock 1; S Liverpool 3, Buxton 3; Stafford Rgrs 4, Morecambe 0; Worksop 1; [illegible]



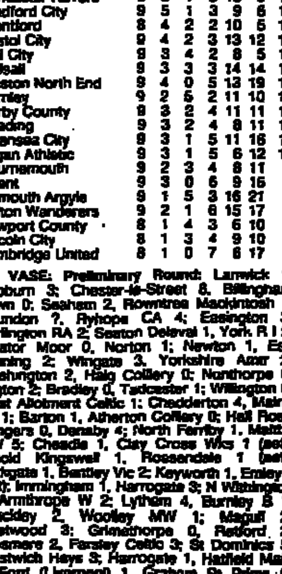


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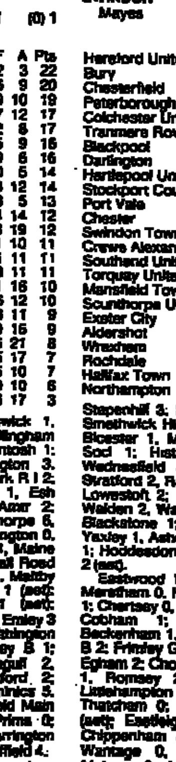
Bournemouth	1	Burnley	1
Brentford	0	Bradford City	1
Bristol Rovers	2	Derby County	1
Cambridge United	0	Walsall	1
Gillingham	1	Millwall	4
Lincoln City	4	Preston North End	0
Plymouth Argyle	0	Hull City	1
Reading	3	Bolton Wanderers	1
Swansea City	3	Orient	1
Wigan Athletic	1	Newport County	1
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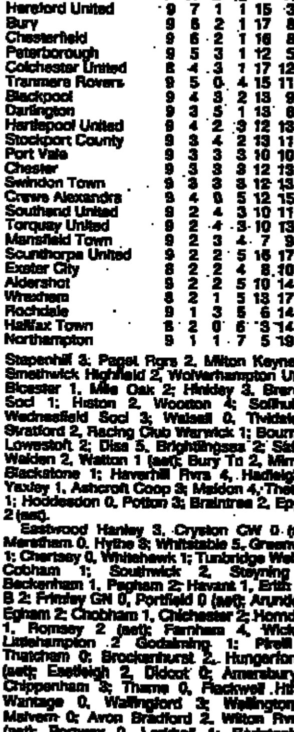
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Fourth division



Blackpool	1	Aldershot	0
Bury	2	Southend United	0
Chester	2	Halifax Town	0
Chesterfield	0	Darlington	0
Colchester United	P	Exeter City	P
Hereford United	3	Mansfield Town	0
Northampton	0	Scunthorpe United	2
Port Vale	2	Crewe Alexandra	0
Torquay United	4	Wrexham	3
Tranmere Rovers	1	Hartlepool United	2

Yesterday
SWINDON (1) 1 PET'BORO (1) 1
Mayes Slack



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Scottish premier division



Celtic	2	Aberdeen	1
Dundee United	1	Dumbarton	0
Hearts	1	Rangers	0
Morton	1	Dundee	1
St Mirren	2	Hibernian	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	9	7	1	1	21	5	15
Celtic	9	5	4	0	15	5	14
Rangers	9	5	3	1	9	2	13
St Mirren	9	5	1	3	11	7	11

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Scottish first division

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Scottish second division

Arbroath	0	Dunfermline	2
Cowdenbeath	0	Montrose	1
East Stirling	1	Berwick	2
Queen of South	2	Queen's Park	2
Stenhousemuir	1	Raith Rovers	1
Stirling Albion	2	Albion Rovers	3
Stranraer	2	Alloa Athletic	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa Athletic	9	7	2	0	18	5	16
Dunfermline	9	7	1	1	19	6	15

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SCHOOLS MATCHES: Aldenham 0, Highgate 2; Dane Court 0, Harvey 10; Hulme GS, Oldham 1, Manchester GS 6; Lancing 2, Charterhouse 1; Repton 5, Westminster 0.

Stein's choice

Barcelona have released Steve Archibald for Scotland's World Cup qualifying match against Ireland on October 17 Jock Stein, the Scotland manager, announces his squad today and is likely to include the players who beat Yugoslavia 6-1 last month, plus Archibald, who missed that game.

GOLF

Lyle surprises Ballesteros with a sudden death victory

From John Hennessy, Paris

Sandy Lyle gained a stunning victory over Severiano Ballesteros at the first extra hole for the *Lancôme Trophy* and a prize of £23,000 at St Nom la Breteche yesterday. After Lyle with a five-under-par 67 had recovered five strokes on Ballesteros in the final round, the Scot holed from 10ft for a birdie at the extra hole. Both had finished at 278, ten under par.

While Ballesteros, together with Bernhard Langer and Eamonn Darcy, carried virtually the whole gallery with them, Lyle came raring up the leader board. A five at the opening hole, forged by a bad lie in the rough at the first, and failed putt from 18 inches, uphill as well, at the fourth, gave simply no hint of the fireworks to come.

The fifth hole (476yds) gave Lyle a lift, as it is bound to do a player of his length, for he was on with a six iron for the first of seven birdies. The seventh, tenth and eleventh fell without asking too much of his putter, and when the call came from 10 yards at the 13th, he rolled the putt in, the only birdie of the day at that difficult short hole. He tapped in from only two feet at the 17th, but was confounded by mysterious borrow (his description) from 15 feet at the last.

Ballesteros played with less than his customary authority, but his short game, to start with at least, seemed impervious to pressure. A chip to three feet saved his par at the third, another to three inches at the next. The fifth yielded an unexpected, and underserved eagle, for the flight of the ball from the tee heralded an impossible second from the woods, but the ball struck a spectator and generously ricocheted to a point on the fairway where Ballesteros could see the pin. A magnificent five iron dropped the ball five feet from the hole and down went the putt.

That blow killed off Darcy, who took five and Langer, who took four, for both were now three shots behind. Darcy, in fact, held on well, though without any real chance of overhauling the Open champion.

Ballesteros, distrubed by poorly marshalled spectators and poorly disciplined photographers, both professional and amateur, took five at the 15th, and suddenly Lyle discovered he was there with a hope. An obvious birdie escaped at he vulnerable 17th (519yds) after a chip to four feet, as did another at the last from a putt of 10ft, so that against all expectations he and Lyle had to shoot it out. Lyle had outgunned Ballesteros by seven shots over the last two rounds. Even so, Lyle had to give way to Ian Woosnam as the lowest round of the day for the little Welshman came in with a 65, including eight birdies, five of them in a hectic passage from the fifth.

Leading final scores

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A hand for the champion with so much in hand. Miss Okamoto celebrates (Photograph: Norman Lomax)

Jaded Americans heavily beaten

By Mitchell Platts

Ayako Okamoto, of Japan, won the women's British Open, sponsored by Hitachi, at Woburn Golf and Country Club on Saturday, with astonishing ease. Her final round of 77 was not indicative of her previous three scores, all of which bettered the par of 73, but her winning aggregate of 289 was a marvellous achievement for which she thoroughly deserved the first prize of £26,000.

Miss Okamoto is an affable young lady with a swing that generates enormous power coupled with the precision required to carve a successful path along the tree-lined fairways of the 6,385 yard Duke's Course. This was her third victory of the year, although it was a mystery as to why she was allowed to win with so much in hand.

Dale Reid, of Scotland, and Betsy King, of the United States, who are now the leading moneywinners on the WPGA and LPGA circuits this season, shared second place 11 strokes behind for which their reward was £13,468 each. As an official said: "Next time I come back in life, I hope it's as a lady golfer."

Miss Reid cannot be praised enough for her performance but the Americans, experienced veterans at this level, seemed to lack the intent which one expected from them. Was it the weather, the course or the fact that most of them have been on the road now for 37 weeks this year?

Certainly the course provided an exhausting examination, with the slick greens increasing the problems, although Miss Okamoto emphasised, there were ways and means of coping with it. Moreover, it must be stated that Mary McKenna, a Curtis Cup golfer, managed to finish in front of all but five of the professionals.

The sponsors, at a cost of around £500,000, provided the opportunity for golfing spectators (more than 25,000 came through the turnstile during the week) to study at first hand the leading women golfers.

So let us hope that lessons have been learned and that next year, when I understand the event will move to another venue in the London area, these are heeded and the championship becomes a long-standing affair.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 289: A Okamoto (Japan), 71, 71, 70, 77 ... [illegible] ... C Charbonnier (Switz), 79, 76, 77, 78; P Conley (US), 76, 76, 79, 77; D Massey (US), 77, 79, 75, 77.

Peete 10 under par

San Antonio (Reuter) – Calvin Peete hit a four under par 66 on Saturday to take a two-stroke lead over Ron Streck, also of the United States after three rounds of the Texas Open tournament.

Peete, seeking his first victory this year, had a total of 10 under par 200 on the 6,576-yard Oak Hills Country Club course. Streck scored a 69 for his 202 total. Jim Colbert, who led after the first two rounds, took a seven at the 15th hole and dropped back into a tie for third place with Mike Reid at seven under par 203.

Peete had four birdies. "I drove the ball well, hit good iron shots and putted well. But I'll have to play just as well tomorrow as I did today," he said. Streck was tied with Peete until he was one over par on the 14th and 17th holes.

THIRD ROUND LEADERS: [illegible]

China's millions

Peking (AP) – A Hongkong businessman has donated HK$100 million (£13.40 million) to develop sports in China, a newspaper has reported here. It said Henry Ying Tung Fok made the donation at a banquet in Peking to honour China's Olympic champions.

RUGBY UNION: ORRELL TAKE TIME TO SETTLE AND LEICESTER ARE SUBDUED TIGERS

Leicester nourish but fail to satisfy

By Gordon Allan

Coventry	6
Leicester	38

Anyone seeing the score, and knowing Leicester of old, might jump to the conclusion that they were brilliant at Coundon Road on Saturday. But although they were busily efficient in beating Coventry by four goals, two tries, and two penalty goals to two penalties there was no doubt that by their own standards they played muted rugby.

Their reputation has its drawbacks. Everyone expects something rare from them now, so that even when they serve up mutton the wishful thinkers often mistake it for prime fillet steak. It was mutton on Saturday – nourishing but not memorable.

There were none of those sweeping counter-attacks from deep defensive positions, with half a dozen players handling and someone like Hare or Williams scoring between the posts. There was no call for extravagance because most of the game was played in Coventry's half. All six tries were scored from close quarters, the natural consequence of tactical variety, vigorous support play, probing kicks and a touch of opportunism.

Brain, the Coventry hooker, withdrew with a shoulder injury, but Farrington did not do badly against Wheeler. Kidner and Paul Thomas won some lineouts. Coventry's spirit was never in question. They had the will, but not the way. They were simply up against a team twice as gifted in every way.

Leicester were six points ahead in 45 seconds, 18–3 after 25 minutes, and 24–3 at half-time. The first try, scored by Dexter, could qualify for the fastest of the season. Leicester kicked off. Coventry dropped out. Grant was collared on his 22. Leicester turned him at the maul, and the ball went through Bates to Dexter. Hare converted from far out, as he also did after tries by Wells from a lineout, Youngs from a scrum, and Foulkes-Arnold from a rolling maul.

Wells and Williams got the other tries and Hare added two penalties, one from halfway. Steve Thomas's two penalties did no more than prevent a whitewash. It was Coventry's sixth defeat in nine matches this season. They have beaten Leicester once in the past six years. When their turn will come again is a mystery.

SCORERS: Coventry: Penalties: S Thomas (2). Leicester: Tries: Dexter, Wells (2), Youngs, Williams, Foulkes-Arnold. Conversions: Hare (4). Penalties: Hare (2).

COVENTRY: B Grant; C Royle, T Buttimore, M Fairn, M Summers; M Lakey, S Thomas; S Wilkes, A Farrington, G Staley, N Melik, A Gulliver, S Kidner, P Thomas, A Rooke.

LEICESTER: W Hare; K Williams, P Dodge, I Bates, C Dexter; L Cusworth, N Youngs; Stuart Redfern, P Wheeler, Steve Redfern, A Marriott, N Joyce, E Foulkes-Arnold, J Wells (rep: A Collingdon), D Richards.

Referee: S Hilditch (Ireland).

Demolition always on the cards despite spirited resistance

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Rosslyn Park	16
Orrell	32

It took Orrell more than an hour to begin dismantling Rosslyn Park at Roehampton on Saturday, but demolition was always on the cards. The first few scrums indicated the wealth of weight and experience which lay with the Norterhn visitors and the first few lineouts how monstrous an obstruction Kimmins *would prove to Park's ambitions.*

That *Park*, with the wind, led at half time and never caved in subsequently, was greatly to their credit. In losing by three goals, two tries, a penalty goal and a dropped goal, to two goals and a try they indicated a competitive spirit which has not always been evident.

Both sides had to reorganize their forwards – Park missing Simon Henderson, their captain, because of a back injury – which may have caused a certain caution among the visitors. It was not always clear upon what lines the Orrell midfield backs were running but when they turned round Glynn harnessed the strong breeze with some beautiful kicking, just as Gary Henderson and Jermyn had done in the first half.

Park spent threequarters of the game in their own half, not the easiest base from which to score points. They took, with an admirable alacrity, the two scoring chances offered to them in the first half and Montgomery's second try late in the game was deserved consolation for a forward who was outstanding in repelling successive waves of Orrell attacks.

The return of Moss to Orrell's back row after the best part of 20 months away from the game with a back injury, has been a notable benefit, which Lancashire are likely to recognize. He adds height to the of the lineout, and presence in the loose. If Orrell's mauling had been better in the first half their win would have been even more commanding.

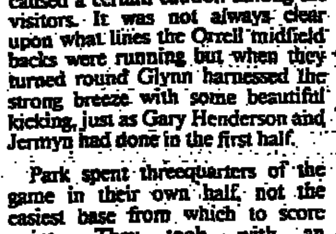
As it was, Ainscough missed three penalty chances and Glynn's careful dropped goal was the only reply to Park's two tries, the first by Kingston, the former Cambridge University captain, making his debut against senior opposition, the second by Montgomery from a careless Orrell tap back. Thereafter Orrell waxed stronger and for all the gallantry of Graves and Jermyn the Lancashire club indicated why they had been able to score more than 100 points in the two previous matches.

SCORERS: Rosslyn Park: Tries: Montgomery (2), Kingston. Conversions: Graves (2). Orrell: Tries: Langford, Fletcher, Kimmins, Carleton, Glynn. Conversions: Langford (2), Ainscough. Penalty: Langford. Dropped goal: Glynn.

ROSSLYN PARK: J Graves; D Osbourne, R Taylor, N Anderson, S Howland; M Jermyn, G Henderson, J Kingston, F Timmons, M Rennie, P Taylor, S Heaton, N Edwards, R Montgomery, A Brooks.

ORRELL: P Williams; J Carleton, S Langford, G Ainscough, I Wilkinson; G Glynn, G Williams; K Fletcher, N Hitchin, D Southern, C Ashurst, D Belmer, R Kimmins, P Moss, B Platt.

REFEREE: B Cuttiston (London).



Ring presses his claims for recall

By Gerald Davies

Cardiff	37
Newport	3

It took a long time, well into the second half in fact, for Cardiff to realise that Newport were never going to offer the kind of rugby they had served up against the Barbarians in mid-week.

Cardiff played a wary, cat-and-mouse game in the first half as if waiting for the visitors to make their opening move. Mike Lewis had kicked a penalty in the first minute when Holmes was caught offside at the first scrum but no other points came their way after that and the home side went on to score four goals, a try, a dropped goal and two penalities to win a one-sided affair.

With a vastly experienced pack, led by Mike Watkins, the Welsh captain, Newport surprisingly saw very little of the possession. Despite having the height in the line-out, Waters and Widdicombe failed to *make any impression on Norster*, who was in fine form in the middle, as was Scott, more like his former domineering self at the back.

Behind such a pack it proved a comfortable afternoon for Holmes and he was happy to serve his stand-off with a stream of long and accurate passes.

Garth Davies had a marvellously controlled match. If the door has been inexplicably shut in his face as far as the Welsh team is concerned, the opportunity is opening for the second time for Mark Ring at centre.

He scored three tries on Saturday. After Gareth Davies had dropped a goal and kicked a penalty, a long pass from Donovan sent Ring racing in and unchallenged, to the line. Davies converted this, as well as kicking another penalty before half time.

Ring: scored three tries

The Cardiff threequarters, who had misused the ball so often earlier on, had a three-man overlap for Ring's second try.

Two counter attacks, initiated by Davies from his own 22-metre line, saw tries scored by Carrington, who ran in from 60 metres, and Webber, who supported a fine break by Hopkins. Both were converted by Davies. Ring got his third try at the end after some fine inter-passing by Holmes and Phillips.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: M Ring (3), C Webber, M Carrington. Conv: Davies (4). Pens: Davies (2). Dropped goals: Davies. Newport: Pen: M Lewis.

CARDIFF: C Webber; M Carrington, A J Donovan (rep K Hopkins), M Ring, G Cordle; W G Davies, T D Holmes; J Whitefoot, A J Phillips, I Eidman, O Golding, K Edwards, R Norster, G Roberts, J P Scott.

NEWPORT: P Steele; M Batten, C Williams, P Daniels, C Wood; M Lewis, G Williams; J Rawlins, M J Watkins, R Morgan, R Powell (rep M Rogers), J Widdicombe, D Waters, R Collins, W Rendall.

Referee: M L M Prideaux (Kl; England).

The dragon wakes and flaps a wing

By Bryan Stiles

Richmond	16
London Welsh	35

In the leafy depths of Richmond, it seemed the dragon might be stirring from its slumber. After a decade of gradual decline, there appears to be a little more fire in the nostrils, a little more appetite going in for the kill.

London Welsh may well be some way from playing with the verve and imagination of their predecessors in the recent past. Yet there have been some encouraging signs of a resurgence this season. That is timely since the Welsh exiles are celebrating their centenary and there are plans to mark the event with a world tour next season.

London Welsh have now won seven of their eight games, losing only to the redoubtable Leicester. On Saturday, their victory at Richmond by two goals, two tries and five penalty goals to two goals and one try was achieved even though they lost two key players, Yeandle and Price, through injury.

This season, they have been captained in style by their international, Rees, who flaps away so effectively on the wing. It was fitting that he should score the final try with a flourish, thus putting the finishing touch to an emphatic victory and marking his thirty-third birthday. It was his fifth try of te season and his 113th for the club.

He was, however, unable to prevent Richmond scoring a try in the first half. Preston, had burst through the exciles' defence: missed out his fellow centre, had flung out a pass to Hampel who managed to find a way through in the corner despite the fact that Rees was 'crawling' all his.

Slagter had led his team well to contain London Welsh to a 7-6 advantage at the interval. Then, as the visitors remorselessly stretched their lead, he called for a complete running game which frequently left Richmond's defence threadbare. Though their attacking persistenee brought two late tries, by then their cause was lost.

They found that the more efficient rucking and mauling of the exiles' forwards and the long accurate linking service of Douglas at scrum half, too much to handle. But theirs was a valiant effort.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Hampel, Green, Roxburgh. Conversions: Smith (2). London Welsh: Tries: Yeadle, Lewis, Morgan, Rees. Conversions: Ebsworth (2). Penalties: Price (2), Ebsworth (3).

RICHMOND: A Hampel; B Roxburgh, D Guyett, N Preston, R Crawford; B Smith, M Conner; C Mills, T Evans, J Probyn, J Smith, M Hess, M Slaughter, B Crawshaw, K Green.

LONDON WELSH: M Ebsworth; A Yeandle (rep. D Slater), D Fouhy, G Leleu, C Rees; C Price (rep. S King), M Douglas; T Jones, B Light, B Bradley, S Russell, T Lewis, J Collins, B Morgan, K Bowring.

Referee: J A F Trigg (London).

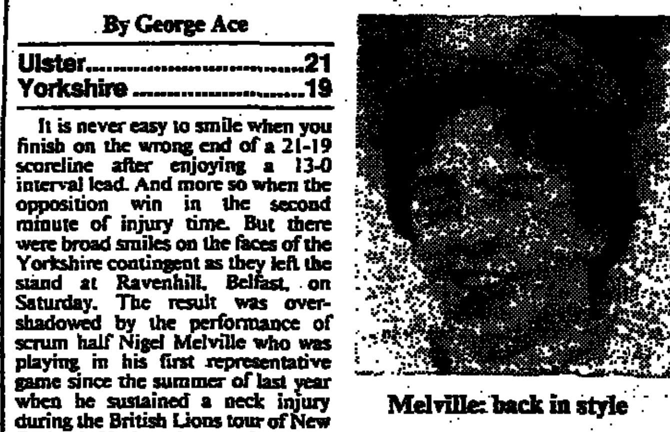
Happy return of a pass master

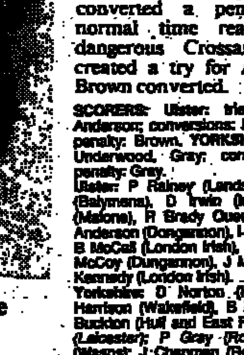
By George Ace

Ulster	21
Yorkshire	19

It is never easy to smile when you finish on the wrong end of a 21-19 scoreline after enjoying a 13-0 interval lead. And more so when the opposition win in the second minute of injury time. But there were broad smiles on the faces of the Yorkshire contingent as they left the stand at Ravenhill, Belfast, on Saturday. The result was overshadowed by the performance of scrum half Nigel Melville who was playing in his first representative game since the summer of last year when he sustained a neck injury during the British Lions tour of New *Zealand. He* has since undergone a cartilage operation and his rugby has consisted of three matches for Wasps reserves. In the circumstances, his performance was little short of incredible.

The accuracy of his pass, its speed and length, was reminiscent of Gareth Edwards in his heyday. His tactical kicking was inch perfect and, perhaps, what is more important in an era when sheer class is pretty thin on the ground, he stood up to two thumping tackles, one fractionally late, and never turned a hair. Yorkshire need Melville; England need him; and more important rugby football needs him.





Melville: back in style

Yorkshire led 13 points to nil after 25 minutes through tries by Harrison, a penalty by Gray and a try by Underwood converted by Gray. Ulster cut the lead to one point after 20 minutes of the second half, Ringland and his fellow British Lion Irwin scoring tries with conversions coming from O'Donnell and Brown.

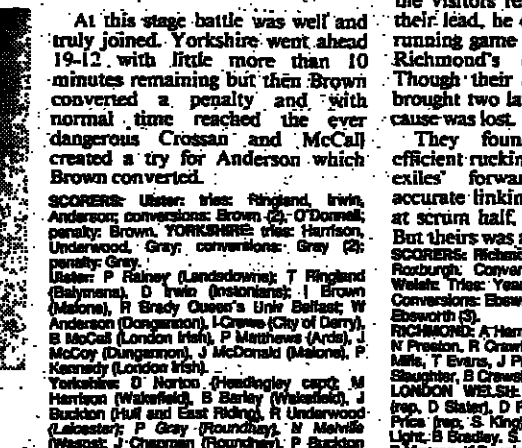
At this stage battle was well and truly joined. Yorkshire went ahead 19-12 with little more than 10 minutes remaining but then Brown converted a penalty and with normal time reached the ever dangerous Crossan and McCall created a try for Anderson which Brown converted.

SCORERS: Ulster: tries: Ringland, Irwin, Anderson; conversions: Brown (2), O'Donnell; penalty: Brown. YORKSHIRE: tries: Harrison, Underwood, Gray; conversions: Gray (2); penalty: Gray.

Ulster: P Rainey (Lansdowne); T Ringland (Ballymena), D Irwin (Instonians); I Brown (Malone), R Brady Queen's Univ Belfast; W Anderson (Dungannon), I Crewe (City of Derry), B McCall (London Irish), P Matthews (Ards), J McCoy (Dungannon), J McDonald (Malone), P Kennedy (London Irish).

Yorkshire: D Norton (Headingley capt); M Harrison (Wakefield), B Barley (Wakefield), J Buckton (Hull and East Riding), R Underwood (Leicester); P Gray (Roundhay), N Melville (Wasps); J Chapman (Roundhay), P Buckton (Liverpool), S Peacock (Middlesbrough), D Mitchell (East Hartlepool), S Tipping (Sale), A Machell (Headingley), P Lazenby (Morley), P Huntsman (Headingley).

Referee: J B West (Leinster).



Jaguars win

Cradock, South Africa (AFP) – The touring South American team, the Jaguars, opened their seven-match South African tour here with a 19-9 win over a combined Eastern Cape-Transkei side.

Injury blow for Williams

By David Hands

Mark Williams, the Wasps centre and captain, has been forced to drop out of the London Division squad to play the Australians on October 17 after damaging a shoulder while playing on the wing for his club against Blackheath on Saturday.

The injury is expected to take a month to mend, and the London side, expected to include as many as ten Wasps players, will be announced today.

Williams follows a melancholy track record for Wasps captains: he himself took over when Dun could not take up the captaincy because of a knee injury, while recent leaders Melville, Rendall and Taylor have all been afflicted during their terms of office. Before going off, however, Williams contributed a try, three penalties and a conversion in Wasps' 32-17 win.

Colclough, the former England lock who may well be reconsidering his decision taken last season to retire from international rugby, played for Wasps' second team and scored a try in their 31-7 win over Lewes. He has already been named as captain of London and will join them for training at Bisham Abbey this evening.

The selectors for the three other divisions will be choosing teams tonight, the South and South West for their game with Australians on October 20, the Midlands and the North for games against Leinster and Ulster respectively. The North will be without Smith, the Sale scrum half, who has announced his retirement from County rugby and will therefore be missing from the Lancashire side to play Eastern Counties.

Two leading Irish players will not be available for their country against Australia on November 10. Campbell, the stand off half, has decided not to resume playing until January "for personal reasons" and O'Driscoll the flanker, is unlikely to play before the end of November. Both have been suffering from a virus, which has meant hospital treatment.

Three in a row

Cape Town (Reuter) – Western Province won the Currie Cup rugby union final for the third successive year when they beat Natal 19-9 yesterday. Their fullback Calla Scholtz collected 13 points, giving him a South African record of 344 points in one season.

46-try French end tour with another victory

Japan	12
France	40

TOKYO, (Agencies) – France scored six tries in a 40-12 defeat of Japan in the second international here yesterday, despite a marked improvement in Japanese technique since France's crushing 52-0 victory in the first match.

France have scored 46 tries in the five matches of their unbeaten tour. Full back Bianchi, replacing the injured Blanco, opened the French scoring with a penalty in the sixth minute and showed his attacking abilities on his debut by adding a try one minute later.

Just before half-time 40,000 jubilant fans celebrated as flanker Kawaji crossed the line, the first score against France since their opening match. After the break France stepped up the pace

SCORERS: France: Bianchi, Lacans, Janik, Esteve, Orso, Dintrans. Conversions: Lescarboura (2), Camberabero, Bianchi (2). Penalties: Bianchi (2). Japan: Tries: Kawaji, Oyagi, Fujita.

FRANCE: J Bianchi, P Esteve, P Sella, P Fort, B Lavigne, J P Lescarboura, P Berbizier, J C Orso, P Lacans, J Condom, P Pelloux, K Janik, J P Garuet, P Dintrans (capt), B Herrero.

JAPAN: M Yasuda, S Onuki, F Kanaya, S H H Toshimu; Y Matsuo, Y Konishi, M Chida, M Koshiyama, H Kawaji, A Oyagi, T Hayashi, K Horaguchi, T Fujita, T Kimura.

Borderers step up pace

By Ian McLauchlan

The weekend in Scotland's Schweppes sponsored National League first division saw some close results but no real surprises.

The Gala team who visited Ayr for their first league encounter on the Millbrae ground bore no resemblance to the side who beat Ayr 58-0 last season at Gala.

The home team led 13-6 at half-time. In the second half, however, the Borderers stepped up a gear.

Newly-promoted Glasgow Academicals fell to Heriot's, who lost Millar after 33 minutes with a leg strain and Williamson after 60 minutes with a shoulder injury.

Julien Scott's penalty just on full-time gave Stewart's Melville a narrow 17-15 win over Jed forest at Invleigh.

Hawick comfortably overcame Edinburgh Academicals by 23-6. Mitchell had two tries before leaving the field at half-time with a rib injury. Melrose, who were missing Robertson, had no answer to Watsonians who ran out easy winners by 31-13.

Slemen steals the show

By Michael Stevenson

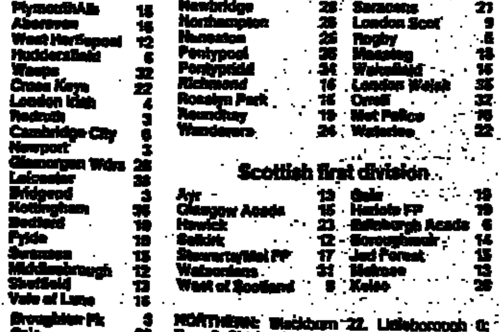
Both Orrell and Sale, suggesting the robust health of Northern rugby, registered good away wins on Saturday but, the whimsicality of current form was illustrated by Liverpool's decimation of Broughton Park, who have themselves easily beaten Gosforth recently.

Gosforth entertained Fylde on Saturday. In the last couple of seasons, Fylde have only narrowly managed to hang on to their place in the Merit Table. Gosforth, though certainly not as formidable as in recent years, were still too strong for Fylde, their victory coming by a goal, two tries, a drop goal and three penalties to a try and two penalties.

Headingley's Merit Table win over Sheffield, 22–13, was the reward for a more adventurous approach in which Paul Johnson, a newcomer from Huddesfield, figured prominently.

Brighton Park were totally outclassed by Liverpool, in a remarkable match, notable forthe display of Mike Slemen. Liverpool scored two goals, three tries, a drop goal and a penalty to a single penalty, and Slemen was concerned in every score except the penalty!

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS



Club matches

Abertillery	14	Plymouth Alb	15
Bath	37	Aberavon	16
Birkenhead Pk	6	West Hartlepool	12
Birmingham	13	Huddersfield	6
Blackheath	17	Wasps	32
Bridgwater	21	Cross Keys	22
Bristol	39	London Irish	4
Camborne	14	Redruth	3
Cambridge Univ	82	Cambridge City	6
Cardiff	37	Newport	3
Clifton	6	Glamorgan Wdrs	26
Coventry	6	Leicester	38
Ebbw Vale	21	Bridgend	3
Exeter	10	Nottingham	36
Gloucester	22	Bedford	10
Gosforth	25	Fylde	10
Harlequins	10	Swansea	15
Harrogate	7	Middlesbrough	12
Headingley	22	Sheffield	13
Hull & ER	36	Vale of Lune	16
Liverpool	39	Broughton Pk	3
Moseley	12	Sale	26
Neath	31	Llanelli	28
Newbridge	28	Saracens	21
Northampton	28	London Scot	9
Nuneaton	26	Rugby	8
Pontypool	36	Maesteg	18
Pontypridd	34	Wakefield	16
Richmond	16	London Welsh	35
Rosslyn Park	16	Orrell	32
Roundhay	19	Met Police	16
Wanderers	24	Waterloo	22

Scottish first division

Ayr	13	Gala	19
Glasgow Acads	15	Heriot's FP	19
Hawick	23	Edinburgh Acads	6
Selkirk	12	Boroughmuir	14
Stewart's/Mel FP	17	Jed Forest	15
Watsonians	31	Melrose	13
West of Scotland	9	Kelso	26

NORTHERN: Blackburn 22, Littleborough 0; Bury 6, Old Salelians 39; Cockermouth 6, Percy Park 7; Davenport 20, Solihull 0; Doncaster 24, Oldham 19; Hartlepool Rovers 29, Westoe 3; Keighley 22, Rochdale 6; Keswick 6, Moresby 19; Manchester 18, New Brighton 20; Preston Grasshoppers 9, Otley 10; Southport 3, Ashton-on-Mersey 0; Sunderland 10, Kendal 13; Warrington 15, Aspull 12; Widnes 24, St Helens 3; Wigan 3, Stoke 10; Wilmslow 15, Northern 4.

CORNWALL CUP: First Round: Falmouth 6, Penzance-Newlyn 15.

BASS MERIT TABLE: Exeter University 22, Taunton 9.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: Brixham 7, Bideford 19; Sidmouth 28, Teignmouth 10.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Camborne 14; Redruth 3; St Ives 34, Hayle 13.

SOUTH WEST: Abertillery 14, Plymouth 15; Exeter 10, Nottingham 36; Newquay 38, Exmouth 12; Bridgwater 21, Cross Keys 22; Weston-super-Mare 9, Tredegar 10; Crediton 20, St Austell 9; Torquay 48, Paignton 6; Barnstaple 9, Bristol United 40; Newton Abbot 8, Penryn 38; Wellington 15, Tiverton 35.

EQUESTRIANISM

Pyrah tunes in at the right time

By Jenny MacArthur

Malcolm Pyrah, who was beginning to think he was never going to win a major class at this year's Horse of the Year Show, won the biggest event of all when he rode Towerlands Anglezarke to victory in the Radio Rentals Championship which carried a £3,500 first prize.

It was the last running of the *prestigious grand prix class under* the auspices of Radio Rentals whose annoucement, made just before the competition, that they are pulling out after the December Olypia show, has caused concern in the sport. Radio Rentals are the second biggest sponsor, putting more than £200,000 a year into the sport.

Their decision to withdraw is a result of "a total review of their budgets and marketing expenditure policy". Raymond Brooks-Ward, managing director of British Equestrian Promotions, said that consultations were going ahead with other sponsors to fill the gap.

In winning Saturday night's competition 43-year-old Pyrah, from Nottinghamshire, became one of the few riders at the show to get the better of Nick Skelton in a jump off. Skelton, aged 26, dominated this year's show from the start and on Saturday his record breaking eighth win went up to ten

His wins and placings netted [S]kelton £14,000, which, although [v]ery impressive, is actually less than [h]e earned in one fell swoop when coming second on Apollo at the Hickstead Derby last August. Behind Skelton's successes there lies a formidable back up team in the powerul Everest Stud run by Skelton's employer Ted Edgar, who manages to produce a never ending supply of sound, fit horses to keep Skelton in the winning enclosure.

Pyrah: broke monopoly

On Saturday night Skelton was again in the prize money on St James but had to be content this time with third place behind Liz Edgar riding the great Everest Forever. Mrs Edgar had set a blistering pace in the third and final round of the competition. But her fast time gave Pyrah just the challenge he needed. Towerlands Anglezarke, who was off form for much of last year, showed all the scope and pace which had made him one of the world's greatest horses, finishing nearly a second inside Mrs Edgar's time.

There was an almighty roar as Skelton, going fourth in the jump off, entered the ring on St James. *Galloping furiously* down to the last fateful fence, St James took off a mile before, and grazed the top pole which fell to the ground. The crowd was probably partly responsible for the error but there were roars not just of encouragement but of unbridled admiration for an exceptional rider.

RESULTS: Radio Rentals Championship: 1, Towerlands Anglezarke (M Pyrah) 0 in 34.02 sec; 2, Everest Forever (E Edgar) 0 in 34.82; 3, St James (N Skelton) 4 in 31.30. Martin National 21 Championship: 1, Cool Million (H Dickinson) 0 in 36.06; 2, Soloman Sandpiper (C Yardley) 3 in 42.21; 3, Tutsen (A Lewis) 8 in 35.91. Bailey's Original Irish Cream championship horseman: Champion: N Skelton. The Country Life and Riding Club: 1, Everest Radius (N Skelton) 0 in 41.38; 2 San Salvador (J Whitaker) 0 in 42.46; 3 Courtway (M Whitaker) 0 in 42.48. Taylor Woodrow Homes pro-am: 1, Towerlands Diamond Seeker (M Pyrah) and Ocala Bay (Miss A Edwards) 80.97; 2, Mr Ross (D Broome) and Take Your Pick (S Whitaker) 82.43; 3, Sanyo Galaxi (H Smith) and Santino (Miss A Mitchell) 82.52. Keith Luxford Cob of the Year: 1, K Luxford's Grand Stand; 2, Mrs V Hurst's Duckyls Teddy Bear; 3, Gem's Signet Bloodstock Limited's Redhill. Saddle of Honour: The Huntsman, J Hunt. The Espley Trust Champion of Champions: Doctor and Mrs M Gilbert-Scott's Fair Change. Reserve: G Buckingham-Bawden's Seabrook.

Smokey's day on the pony trail

[W]asn't it naughty of Smudges
Mummy I'm sick with disgust.
[T]hrew me in front of the Judges
... my silly old collar bone's

[Jo]hn Betjamin's cision of the [Pony] Club is shared by us all, and [fo]r mockery, no matter how [...] is simply shooting a sitting [...] Besides, a trip to the Horse of [the Ye]ar at Wembley last week, [wa]s something that is, ultima[tely enou]gh to stop even a townee's [...]

[Ho]rse of the Year Show is a [...] *[ge]nuine power and elegance.* [Bl]ood of champions flows [in] the veins of every animal you clap eyes on, and it wouldn't half cost you if you fancied a drop for yourself. In no sporting arena is it more possible to buy success than with horses. Triumph, or indeed extravagant failures, are both easily obtainable

Show jumping is a big money sport. The final event at the Horse of the Year was worth £11,000 in prizes. If you want to buy a nice horse for a teenager to ride in small shows, then you can think in terms of £3,000 – if you want something fairly cheap. There was a buzz going round at Wembley that £200,000 had been offered (and refused) for one of the top jumping horses.

So what was a scruffy little £300 pony, with a mane like a brake of brambles and mad axeman eyes, doing in this sort of company? The *answer is: "The stepping stone, the* hula hoop race, the wheelbarrow race, and natually, the team bending relay: in short the Pony Club Mounted Games.

Pony Clubs from all over Britain bend and hoop their way through the preliminaries, and at the end of it all, the winners contest the finals at the Horse of the Year on ponies ranged from the ordinary to the downright common. Eglinton, the Liverpool of the stepping stone, won the Prince Philip Cup for the third year running. David Davies Pony Club managed second place. They were not about to minimise their triumph.

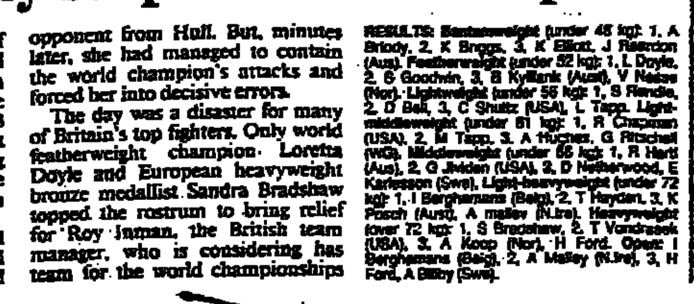
"Some pony clubs have 300 members. We have 30," said their trainer Jean Jones. "We have been training since March. On the first rainy day of training five of the kids turned up – and that is my team this week."

The games test not power, grace and beauty, but handiness, obedience and, on the ponies' part, a certain spirit of tolerance. The Games themselves are unremittingly silly: any more seriousness than there already is would be intolerable.

Simon Barnes

JUDO

Miss Briody surprises the champion



The psychological advantage of having nothing to lose allowed courageous Ann Marie Briody, from Motherwell to achieve one of the most unexpected results of the TSB Open championship for women, at Crystal Palace on Saturday – beating world champion Karen Briggs in the bantamweight final (Philip Nicksan writes).

Before the final, Miss Briody aged 19, acknowledged the skill and evident maturity of her 21-year-old opponent from Hull. But, minutes later, she had managed to contain the world champion's attacks and forced her into decisive errors.

The day was a disaster for many of Britain's top fighters. Only world featherweight champion Loretta Doyle and European heavyweight bronze medallist Sandra Bradshaw topped the rostrum to bring relief for Roy Inman, the British team manager, who is considering has team for the world championships

RESULTS: Bantamweight (under 48 kg): 1, A Briody, 2, K Briggs, 3, K Elliott, J Reardon (Aus). Featherweight (under 52 kg): 1, L Doyle, 2, B Goodwin, 3, B Kyllank (Aust), V Neiss (Nor). Lightweight (under 56 kg): 1, S Rendle, 2, D Bell, 3, C Shultz (USA), L Tapp. Light-middleweight (under 61 kg): 1, R Chapman (USA), 2, M Tapp, 3, A Hughes, G Ritschel (WG). Middleweight (under 66 kg): 1, R Hartl (Aus), 2, G Jadden (USA), 3, D Netherwood, E Karlsson (Swe). Light-heavyweight (under 72 kg): 1, I Berghmans (Belg), 2, T Hayden, 3, K Posch (Aust), A malley (N.Ire). Heavyweight (over 72 kg): 1, S Bradshaw, 2, T Vondrasek (USA), 3, A Koop (Nor), H Ford. Open: I Berghmans (Belg), 2, A Malley (N.Ire), 3, H Ford, A Bilby (Swe).

YACHTING

Victory '83 wins by a minute

From a Special Correspondent
Porto Cervo

The finals of the 12 meter world championship started here in Sardina on Saturday with one of the closest match races witnessed in this class. The two finalists, Azzurra and Victory '83 swapped the lead eight times in the course of the 24 nautical mile race.

Though the final of last year's America's Cup held more excitement because the outcome was of far greater significance, Saturday's race here was 12 meter match racing at its best.

Although Azzurra was 40-seconds in the lead at the first mark, and still held a 30 second advantage at the end of the first triangle, Victory '83 initiated tacking battle on the second windward leg and rounded the next mark level with Azzurra. For the next three legs of the course the two yachts were never more than two boat lengths apart.

Finally it was the Azzurra team who cracked under the pressure when they hoisted a spinnaker upside down. There followed a series of tactical and crew errors which allowed Victory '83 to pull ahead on the last beat to win by just over a minute.

HOCKEY

Hughes fit to play at Willesden

By Sydney Friskin

Bernie Cotton, the acting manager of the Great Britain hockey team announced at Lilleshall yesterday that Norman Hughes, who was recently involved in a car accident, would be fit to play in the international tournament at Willesden from October 19 to 21. The full squad for this event will be announced officially later this week.

The British side beat Yorkshire, the county champions 2-0 yesterday morning with goals by Leman in the first half and Douglas Potter in the second. Earlier in the day they gave the less experienced players an exercise in a goalless draw with Worcestershire.

The Northern Club Festival ended aat Liverpool with southern clubs achieving the best results, Canterbury and Purley remaining unbeaten. Canterbury, who finished with two wins and a draw, beat Norton 2-1 yesterday, Brown and Bunyan scoring for Canterbury and Barrow for Norton.

Purley ran out of steam yesterday morning and drew 1-1 with Preston. Taylor, from a penalty stroke, scored in the first half for Purley and Hindley midway in the second for Preston. Wimbledon, with two good wins on Saturday, were caught in the last few seconds by Parker who scored for Firebrands to give the West League side a 1-0 victory.

TENNIS

Miss Durie cashes in and Dowdeswell regains grip

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Jo Durie beat Anne Hobbs 6-4, 6-3 to retain the women's singles title in the National championships, sponsored by Refuge Assurance, at Telford yesterday. Miss Durie did not lose a set in her five matches, though Annabel Croft led her 5-0 and had five set points in the first set of their semi-final on Saturday.

Miss Durie and Miss Hobbs also retained the doubles title, beating another Wightman Cup pair, Sue Barker and Virginia Wade, 6-3, 6-3 in the final. Miss Durie won a total of £9,000, while Miss Hobbs earned £6,500.

The new men's champion is Wimbledon-born Colin Dowdeswell, who beat Jeremy Bates 6-3, 7-5 in the final. Dowdeswell became the official favourite when John Lloyd withdrew. Another obvious threat, Buster Mottram, was cleared out of his way by John Feaver – and Bates produced an admirable performance on Saturday to dispose of last year's winner, Chris Bradnam.

Dowdeswell, in short, has done no more than might have been expected of him a year ago. Then he lost the knack of winning and, consequently, discovered that he was playing fewer matches and that his form and confidence were declining. In terms of ability, he obviously had the beating of everyone he played at Telford. His main test was psychological. Could he beat a string of inferiors and thus regain his confidence? Nick Brown was the only player who, briefly, cornered and flustered him.

Dowdeswell, aged 29, is 6ft 1in tall but, at 11st. 11lb, a rather gangling figure. He has always been exciting to watch, because of deft racket-handling and his tactical daring. At Telford he served harder than usual. As a rule he has little or no justification for going to the net – yet insists on playing there. So he gambles on his anticipation and reactions, his reach and his touch, and his timing in taking the ball early.

Yesterday it worked well. There were times when Dowdeswell answered questions Bates had hardly begun to ask. Bates, though, did ask some awkward questions – especially with his passing shots. Bates broke service to love in the first game. In the second set Dowdeswell had to break service three times before forcing Bates to accept his authority. This was an encouraging tournament for both men.

The slightly built, supple, Miss Hobbs is a gifted athlete who suffers from a lack of serving power. That was how it was yesterday. She hit some superb returns, particularly on the backhand. But she also served nine double-faults and the last of them cost her the match.

Miss Durie had the big guns Miss Hobbs lacked and, for good measure, hit some glorious forehand volleys under pressure. Miss Hobbs was always struggling to stay in the match rather than threatening to take charge of it.

By contrast, Miss Durie was always struggling to press home her authority rather than suggesting she could lose. A thrilling, 26-point game earned Miss Hobbs a break back to two-all in the second set, but that merely earned her a reprieve rather than a pardon.

With the international circuit in mind, one had reservations about both finals. Britain's domestic standards, especially in the men's game, are hardly formidable. But Miss Durie and Dowdeswell beat everyone they had to beat and no more is necessary.

MEN'S SINGLES: Semi-finals: C Dowdeswell bt J Feaver 6-4, 6-2; J Bates bt C Bradnam 6-7, 6-4, 6-2. Final: Dowdeswell bt Bates 6-3, 7-5.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Semi-finals: J Durie bt A Croft 7-6, 6-1; A Hobbs bt V Wade 6-3, 6-1. Final: Durie bt Hobbs 6-4, 6-3.
MEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-finals: N Brown and D Felgate bt C Dowdeswell and J Feaver 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; J Bates and J Dier bt R Drysdale and C Mottram 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Semi-finals: J Durie and A Hobbs bt S Gomer and J Salmon 6-3, 6-2; S Barker and V Wade bt D Borneo and A Grace 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Final: Durie and Hobbs bt Barker and Wade 6-3, 6-3.

● John McEnroe, citing shoulder and elbow injuries, withdrew on Saturday from this week's Custom Credit Australian indoor championships. The withdrawal left Ivan Lendl, of Czechoslovakia, the tournament's No. 1 seed. The Swedish Davis Cup player, Anders Jarryd, ranked No. 6 in the world, is the No. 2 seed.

Call it quits

Manhattan Beach, California (Reuter) – Pam Shriver, ranked third in the world, talked of retiring yesterday after being beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Rosalyn Fairbank in the quarter finals of a tournament here. The 22-year-old American said: "Maybe I should retire. I'm having trouble with my attitude and right now I'm as down as I can get."

RACING: FOURTH ARC TRIUMPH FOR KING OF LONGCHAMP

Saint-Martin reigns supreme on Sagace

From Michael Seely, Paris

Yves Saint-Martin confirmed his ranking as the greatest French jockey of all time, when winning his fourth Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on Sagace at Longchamp yesterday. Showing all the confidence that has won the 43-year-old rider 15 championships, five English classics, and six French Derbys, the darling of the Paris crowds sent Daniel Wildenstein's four-year-old past Strawberry Road one and a half furlongs from home.

Northern Trick attacked like the little tigress she is in the final 200 yards, but Sagace galloped on gamely to win by two lengths. All Along, last year's winner, stayed on to take third place, six lengths away. Then came Espirit du Nord, Strawberry Road and Cariellor.

The strong-looking Anglo-Irish challenge was beaten off early in the straight. Sadler's Wells finished eighth, Sun Princess ninth, Time Charter eleventh, Princess Pati fourteenth, and Rainbow Quest eighteenth. "He hated the going," Tony Murray, the 11th hour replacement for the injured Lester Piggott said of Rainbow Quest "We were beaten at the top of the hill".

Grevills Starkey was thrilled with the running of Strawberry Road, the Australian champion three-year-old in 1983, who looked all over the winner when he set sail for home entering the straight. "Make no mistake, this is a relly good horse. But for my money, he doesn't stay more than a mile and a quarter", Starkey said. The Washington International at Laurel Park is the next objective for the five-year-old and it is hoped that Lester Piggott will ride.

There were no excuses for any of the beaten horses. "Northern Trick kept on bravely. She couldn't find her usual zip in the going," Sir Philip Payne-Gallwey, Stavros Niarchos's racing manager said. "She's unlikely to run again this season, but will certainly be kept in training as a four-year-old."

"Sun Princess has never really relished heavy going," Willie Carson said rather surprisingly about last season's Oaks and St Leger winner. "Under the circumstances, she ran pretty well," Steve Cauthen was also pleased with Time Charter. "You can't expect to produce a horse fit to run in conditions like this after a two-months absence from the track. If she comes through this race OK, I would certainly recommend her connexions to take her to the States for a late autumn campaign."

Smoking a cigarette, Saint-Martin looked cool and relaxed as he sat on the right of Alex Wildenstein, the owner's son and Patrick Biancone, the winning trainer, in the post-race conference in the offices of the Société d'Encouragement. "When Darshaan was withdrawn, I was very happy to be able to ride Sagace. I was supremely confident throughout, and had no worries at any stage of the race.

"I was able to take up a good position soon after the Petit Bois. I saw All Along on my inside, and didn't want to spoil whatever chance she might have. So I pulled out, and tracked Esprit du Nord and Strawberry Road into the straight. After that, it was all plain sailing."

It was noticeable that in the final dash for glory that the jockey just kept pushing away with hands and heels and never once looked round.

Saint-Martin then said that Sagace was one of the best horses he had ever ridden. Coming from the rider of such champions as Allez France, Flying Water, Pawneese and Relko, that is certainly a handsome compliment. The jockey broke three vertebrae in a fall at Chantilly on June 10, and was out of action for nearly a month, thereby ruining his chances of yet another jockey's title. "I've just signed a contract with the Aga Khan and will be his stable jockey again next season," the rider concluded.

All Along will now go for the Rothmans International in Toronto, one of the three races that this magnificent mare won on the north American continent in 1983. "We've got a pretty strong hand with both Sagace and All Along," Alec Wildenstein continued.

"We'll make our minds up tomorrow whether Sagace will be retired for the season, or whether he'll join All Along in a two-horse raid on the States. Don't forget there's the $10m Breeders Cup Day at Hollywood Park, California.

Biancone, at 32, is one of the third generation of his family to be involved with training at Lamorlaye. He has now saddled two Arc winners in consecutive seasons and also captured the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby) together with other good races with Bikala in 1981.

Previously, Daniel Wildenstein had been high on adrenalin in the unsaddling enclosure, the Parisian millionaire now having won three Arcs with Allez France, All Along, and now Sagace. "I'm getting used to the feeling", he said triumphantly. "And I'm certainly looking forward to the prospect of mating two Arc winners together."

Sagace and Yves Saint-Martin pass the post well clear of Northern Trick in yesterday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

Full result of Arc

Going: holding

PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (group 1: £206,271: 1m 4f)

SAGACE b c by Luthier – Seneca (Chaparral) (D Wildenstein) 4 9-4 Y Saint-Martin 1

NORTHERN TRICK ch f by Northern Dancer – Trick Chick (Prince John) (S Niarchos) 3 8-8 C Asmussen 2

ALL ALONG B M by Targowice – Agujita (Vieux Manoir) (D Wildenstein) 5 9-1 W R Swinburn 3

Also Ran: Esprit Du Nord (4th) Strawberry Road (5th) Cariellor (6th) Long Mick (7th) Sadler's Wells (8th) Sun Princess (9th) Lovely Dancer (10th) Time Charter (11th) Margello (12th) Garde Royale (13th) Princess Pati (14th) Estrapade (15th) Arctic Lord (16th) Abery (17th) Rainbow Quest (18th) Balkan Prince (19th) Fly Me (20th) Castle Guard (21st) Donzel (22nd). 22 ran. 2l, 6l, ¾l, nk, short neck, 1½l, 6l, 1½l, fl, 6l, 1½l, ¾l, ½l, ¾l, hd, nk, 4l, 1½l, 1½l. 2m 39.1 Biancone-France.

Pari-Mutuel. Win: £3.90 (coupled All Along and Castle Guard) Pl. £2.00, £1.70, £3.90 DF £11 10.

SNOOKER

Davis capitalises on errors to keep title

By Sydney Friskin

Steve Davis, the world champion and title holder, was in a prosperous position at the half-way stage of the Jameson Whiskey International final when he led Tony Knowles 5-2 at Newcastle yesterday. Davis continued to present the picture of coolness and efficiency he has shown since the start of the tournament and took advantage of most of his opponent's errors. He went on win 9-2.

It would have been a psychological boost for Knowles had he gone into the interval 3-4 down instead of 2-5. At a crucial stage of the seventh frame he presented Davis with a bonus by playing the blue ball too softly at the bottom of the table. Davis, who does not usually look a gift horse in the mouth, helped himself to the colours from yellow to pink.

The champion's retrieving powers were shown early when he snatched the first frame despite the fact that Knowles had built a 47-0 lead. The turning point here came when Davis played a courageous shot on the brown. The same quality of recovery was revealed again in the fifth frame. Knowles was leading 46-0 but Davis still came through with a clearance break of 57 up to the pink. Knowles, whose highest break of the afternoon was 50, in the third frame, later cut his arrears to 4-2 but his afternoon's hopes ended when he lost the seventh frame.

Although Silvino Francisco of South Africa lost 9-6 to Knowles in the semi-final on Saturday, Knowles was 3-4 behind at the end of the afternoon's play. Francisco continued his spirited challenge until the end of the eleventh frame at which stage he led 6-5. Then Knowles won four frames in a row to emerge a comfortable winner.

SEMI-FINAL: T Knowles bt S Francisco (SA), 9-6. Frame scores: (Knowles first): 54-82, 2-108, 73-59, 39-74, 103-30, 1-111, 79-31, 82-23, 103-34, 41-71, 44-68, 64-22, 59-33, 81-1, 92-18.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Millward revives Rovers

By Keith Macklin

An above average crowd of 7,366 welcomed the Australians Meninga and Veivers to St Helens and the big international centre Meninga, despite jet-lag, obliged against Castleford by scoring two tries and two goals in a 30–16 win for the Saints.

A capacity crowd on Humberside saw a magnificent second half revival by Hull Kingston Rovers, the champions, after they had trailed 16–2 at half time to their neighbours, Hull. Rovers won 26–17 with a powerful and spectacular seond half display after an inspirational interval talk from their coach Roger Millward.

Oldham maintained their lead at the top of the table, yet again exposing weaknesses in Barrow's tackling in a 34–12 victory. Widnes had two men, Wood and Steve O'Neill sent off, and were inevitably no match thereafter for Leeds who romped to a 43–10 win.

The prolific scorer, Ellery Hanley, scored 12 goals in 13 attempts and also touched down for a try, as Bradford Northern humiliated newly promoted Hunslet 72–12 and Featherstone Rovers shocked Wigan with a 20–10 scoreline at Post Office Road where Wigan have not won since 1970.

In the Second Division, Swinton and Mansfield Marksmen continue to lead the way, though Mansfield were in difficulties and trailing 12–10 at one stage against lowly Doncaster.

The new dawn for Fulham at Crystal Palace on Saturday began brightly, but ended in a cloudburst of Carlisle tries. There were bewildered recriminations in the Fulham dressing room as Carlisle turned a 14-7 half time deficit into a 47-18 victory.

FIRST DIVISION: Barrow 12, Oldham 34; Bradford Northern 72, Hunslet 12; Featherstone Rovers 20, Wigan 10; Hull Kingston Rovers 26, Hull 17; Leeds 43, Widnes 10; Leigh 44, Workington Town 12; St Helens 30, Castleford 16; Warrington 21, Halifax 14.
SECOND DIVISION: Batley 18, Sheffield Eagles 28; Bridgend 1, Rochdale Hornets 22; Huddersfield 10, York 18; Keighley 8, Bramley 7; Mansfield Marksmen 23, Doncaster 12; Runcorn Huyton 16, Salford 18; Southend Invecta 22, Dewsbury 12; Swinton 23, Wakefield Trinity 10; Whitehaven 28, Blackpool Borough 10.
SATURDAY: Second division: Fulham 18, Carlisle 47.

IN BRIEF

North Koreans barred

Three 16-year-old North Korean gymnasts due to compete in the Silentnight Beds modern rhythmic gymnastics international at Wembley on Saturday, have been turned back at Moscow after being refused permission to enter Britain (Peter Aykroyd writes).

A Home Office spokesman said: "The British consul turned down their applications for visas. We do not recognize North Korea." The British Amateur Gymnastics Association are mystified because North Korean gymnasts have been admitted to Britain on two previous occasions.

Last week the Soviet Union withdrew its three competitors from the Wembley event, which will now involve champions from five countries: Britain, Bulgaria, West Germany, Sweden and Spain.

RUGBY UNION: Cumbria include two newcomers to the county championship for their opening second division match against Cheshire at Keswick on Saturday. Stephen Humes, a student of Netherall, plays at fullback and Richard Moffitt, of Fylde, is at prop.
TEAM: S Humes (Netherhall); C Reid (Furness) D Briggs (Gosforth), M Lowther (Gosforth), P Cusack (Cockermouth); D Kay (capt, Wigton), P Bettison (Wilmslow); R Moffitt (Fylde), L Mctrear (Aspatria), A Harrington (Carlisle), S Slack (Blackheath), F Storey (Aspatria), M Brown (Vale of Lune), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune), A Macfarlane (Fylde). Replacements: N Carruthers (Wigton), J Orr, (Vale of Lune).

ATHLETICS: Barry Heath, a 36-year-old Royal Marine, won the 34th London to Brighton road running race in 5hr 24min 15sec after a close tussle over the undulating 53-mile course. Runner-up was a former winner, Don Ritchie, of Forres Harriers, who finished in 5:28.27. Peter Sugden, of Reading A.C., who finished third, in 5:29.21, led the field for over five hours but the hills took their toll. Leamington won the team prize.

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Aberavon wing, Kevin James has turned professional with League club Hull. James, aged 26, played for Wales B against France two years ago and has been a member of the full Welsh international squad.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 88 (McNish 30, Bodonck 20, Cooper 23), Doncaster 92 (Martin 25, Brantley 23); Solent Stars 111 (Johnson 30, Caltandrillo 27, Watson 22), Worthing Bears 95 (Hungrecker 32, Cunningham 24, Jenkins 20); Bracknell Pirates 75 (Payton 21, Lawrence 20, Anderson 19), Manchester Giants 74 (Gardener 26, Brookins 25, Moorehead 10); Kingston 93 (Davis 28, Bontrager 16, Clark 16), Leicester 103 (Vauhan 30, Waldron 29, Brown 24); Birmingham Bullets 107 (Saunders 31, Donaldson 26, Brozovich 22), Telford 83 (Headd 27, Hall 22, Shackleford 20); Warrington and Liverpool 85 (Brown 17, Lloyd 16, Irish 14, Bona 14), Hemel/Watford Royals 70 (McCray 25, Lloyd 12, Sewell 11); Sunderland 90 (Haefner 29, Gudmundsson 17, MaCauley 14), Crystal Palace 91 (Lucas 27, Simpson 25, Seaman 23).
Second division: Sanwell 73, Tyneside 111; Stoke Potters 73, Tower Hamlets 71; Derby 89, Plymouth 87; Brunel Uxbridge 80, Swindon 59. First division (women): Enfield Browns 76, Solent Suns 71; Kingston 74, Nottingham 78 (in o-t); Manchester 66, Northants 63.
NICOSIA: European Cup Winners' Cup: First round, first leg: Landes Und Gyr Vienna (Austria) 104, Apoel Nicosia (Cyp) 58.

CYCLING

SYDNEY: Brisbane-Sydney Classic: Final overall positions (individual): 1, R Knickman (US), 32hr 3min 45sec; 2, A Schafer (WG), 32:4:33; 3, B Fowler (NZ), 32:4:43. Team: 1, United States, 64hr 48min 42sec; 2, New Zealand; 3, Italy

FOOTBALL

HELSINKI: Finnish Championship play-off, first leg: Kuusysi Lahti 4, TPS Turku 0.
SEOUL: International tournament: Cameroon 1, Fluminese 3 (Fluminese win tournament).
ST LOUIS: World Cup qualifying match: United States 4 Dutch Antilles 0.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

KIPPEN, Scotland: International ball-trap team match: 1, England, 940 out of 1,000; 2, Ireland, 939; 3, Scotland, 924; 4, Wales, 919. Highest individual scores: England, R Cadman, 97 out of 100; Ireland, J J Dunne, 96 and 24 our of 25 in shoot-off. Scotland, J Welsh, 96 and 23 out of 25 in shoot-off. Wales, I Fraser, 96.

GYMNASTICS

TOKYO: International (Rythmic): 1, Bulgaria, 78.225 pts; 2, Japan A, 75.900; 3, Japan B, 75.425; 4, China, 74.975.

LACROSSE

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Cheadle 22, Old Stopfordians 4; Heaton Mersey 18, Sheffield 14; Mellor 25, Sheffield University 7; Old Waconians 6, South Manchester and Wythenshawe 8; Sale 11, Old Hulmeians 12; Stockport 24, Timperley 4.
SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: Calthorpe 12, Buckhurst Hill 14; Chipstead 8, Beckenham 10; Hampstead 15, Purley 10; Kenton 5, Hillcroft 12.

ATHLETICS

MADRID: Mile road race: 1, M Abascal (Sp), 4min 05.7sec; 2, R Nemeth (Austria) 4:06.0; 3, S Maree (US), 4:09.5; 4, A Leitao (Port), 4:09.7 GB placing: 11, Flynn, 4:15.7
LONDON-BRIGHTON: (all GB): 1, B Heath, 5hr 24min 15sec; 2, D Ritchie, 5:28.27; 3, P Sugden 5:29 21

GAELIC GAMES

ENNISKILLEN: Ulster Championship: Final: Roslea 2-7, St John Belfast 2-8.
DUNGIVEN, Londonderry: Dungiven Sots, Burren 2–12, Antrim 4–17, Roscommon 1–8.

ROWING

WALLINGFORD: Long distance skulls: 1, G Jones (Isis) 16 min 16 sec; 2, M Diserens (Wallingford) 16:20 (Elite winner); 3, C Cusack (Wallingford) 16:26 (Veteran B winner). Senior B: C Long (Thames) 16:44; Senior C: W Bradbury (Imperial Coll, London) 16:37; Veteran D: J Pilgrim-Morris (Marlow) 17:10; Novice: B Ludgrove (Star & Arrow) 17:13; Women Elite: Miss M Wilson (Reading) 17:53; Women Senior B: Ms S Andrews (Furnival) 18:49; Women Junior: Ms J Brown (Abingdon) 18:21

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Swindon 32, Ipswich 46. Belle Vue 44, Coventry 34. Halifax 42, Reading 36. Kings Lynn 37, Oxford 41 Eastbourne 52, Halifax 26.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Berwick 44, Canterbury 34. Peterborough 43, Boston 34. Peterborough 41, Scunthorpe 37 Berwick 43, Rye House 34. Canterbury 42, Hackney 36. Stoke 44, Boston 34.

HOCKEY

EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 0, Norfolk Wanderers 0; Bishop's Stortford 0, Old Loughtonians 3; Brentwood 2, Bluehearts 2; Ipswich 0, Cambs Nomads 0; Long Sutton 0, Harleston Magpies 3; St Neots 3, Broxbourne 1; Westcliff 6, Norwich Grasshoppers 1 Representative matches: Great Britain 0, Worcestershire 0; Great Britain 2, Yorkshire 0. Liverpool: Northern Festival: Sheffield 2, Firebrands 1; Hightown 2, Purley 3; Cliftonville 0, Ben Rhyddig 0; Northern 1, Canterbury 1; Norton 0, Wimbledon 1, St Georges 3, Preston 2; Ben Rhydding 2, Purley 4; Wimbledon 2, Preston 0; Firebrands 5, Norton 0; Cliftonville 2, St Georges 1; Northern 2, Sheffield 4; Canterbury 4, Hightown 2; Wimbledon 0, Firebrands 1, Northumberland 2, Sheffield 0; Northern 2, Cliftonville 0; Huyton 1, Ben Rhydding 2; Purley 1, Preston 1; Canterbury 2, Norton 1

VOLLEYBALL

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Brookfield 1, Liverpool 3; Team Mizuno 3, Leeds 0; OBC Poole 1, Manchester 3; Speedwell Rucanor 3, Spark CL 1; Capital City Spikers 3, Leeds 1; Redwood Lodge 2, Manchester
SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Volvo Trucks 3, KA's 0; Bellshill 2, Scottish Farm 3; DV 81 0, Murray International Metals 3; AT Mays Travel 3, Glasgow Gregg 0; Dundee 3, Falkirk 2. Women's first division: West Coast 3, Auchentoshan 2; Telford 2, Scottish Farm 3; Whitburn 3, Inverclyde 2; Carluke 3, Jets 1; Larbert 0, Finnies Sport 3.

ROAD WALKING

LAVAL, France: 100km: 1, G. Lelievre (Fr) 8:58:12 (world best).

YACHTING

SOLENT POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP: Overall Winners Class 1: Open; Fever, (D Diehl) Restricted: Red Otter, (R St M Kenny). Class 2: Open: Jacobite, (S James) Restricted: Rout, (P Farlie-Clarke). Class 3: Open: Juno, (M Peacock); Restricted: Samsara, (O Tran Van Dom); Class 4: Open: Balthazar, (I Macdonald-Smith); Restricted: Clarionet, (C Campbell). Class 5: Open; Diamond, (P and E Sanders); Restricted: Quillet. (A Dodd).
POOLE: J 24 World championships, Final race: (provisional results): 1, Maggie (R. Read, USA); 2, Tantrum (D. Nichol, USA); 3, Ragtime (R Johnstone, USA); 4, Lauder (E Warden-Owen, GB); 5, Linda D'Agua (M Scades, Br), 6, Dubois (G Favre, Switz). Overall placings: 1, H J (D Curtis, USA); 2, Just Enuff (E Baird, USA); 3, Maggie; 4, Lauder; 5, American Garage (K Mahoney, USA); 6, Ghost (L Smith, GB).

GOLF

ADELAIDE: South Australian Open: Leading final scores (Aus unless stated): 286: R Shearer, 73, 70, 75, 68. 287: Terry Gale, 72, 69, 70, 76. 288: Frank Nobilo (NZ), 72, 74, 72, 70. 289: R Shaw, 80, 69, 70, 70; R Davis, 72, 73, 68, 76. British score: 294: M Bembridge, 74, 73, 73, 74.
RANZAN: Japan Open: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 283: Koichi Uehara, 71, 68, 70, 74; 285: Koichi Suzuki, 72, 74, 69, 70; 287: Saburo Fujiki, 72, 67, 76, 72; Seiji Kusakabe, 72, 71, 73, 71; Isao Isozaki, 72, 73, 70, 72.
HUNSTANTON: Public School Old Boys tournament: Third round: Wellington bt Dulwich 2-1; Sedbergh bt Cheltenham 3-0; Merchant Taylors' bt Cranleigh 3-0; Haberdashers' Aske's bt Alleyn's 2-1; The Leys bt St Lawrence 2-1; Shrewsbury bt Winchester 2½-0½; Worksop bt Nottingham 2-1; George Heriot's bt Clifton 2½-0½. Fourth round: Sedbergh bt Wellington 2-1; Merchant Taylors' bt Haberdashers' Aske's 2½-0½; The Leys bt Shrewsbury 2-1; George Heriot's bt Worksop 3-0.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Civil Service championships: Duke of Connaught Cup: 1, R L Mundy (Inland Revenue), 322/25; 2, A R H Jones (Admiralty Bath), 322/22; 3, R Garside (Post Office), 318. Goodman Jubilee Plaque (short range): 1, Mundy, 196; 2, Jones, 194; 3, R J Bramley (MOD), 191. Captain's Cup Long range: 1, J D Dodds (RAE), 138; 2, K E Vincent (RSAF), 134; 3, G Fudger (Transport), 133. Privett Cup (target rifle, and small bore): 1, H M Smith (RSAF), 879; 2, Vincent, 875; 3, P E Daniell (Post Office), 873.

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Birmingham 44, Essex Metropolitan 32; Cheshire 27, Bedfordshire 32; Hampshire North 23, Hertfordshire 46; Northampton 39, Suffolk 43.
COUNTY MATCHES: Berkshire 31, Sussex 18; Berkshire 18, Middlesex 37; Sussex 9, Middlesex 36; Cambridge 31, Essex Thurrock 55; Derbyshire 24, South Yorkshire 19; Derbyshire 23, Worcestershire 14; Derbyshire 33, South Bucks 11; South Yorkshire 20, Worcestershire 18; South Yorkshire 31, South Bucks 8; Worcestershire 21, South Bucks 16; Leicestershire 21, South Staffs 24; Leicestershire 14, Warwickshire 21; South Staffs 20, Warwickshire 31; Merseyside 21, Lancashire 22; Merseyside 14, Shropshire 16; Lancashire 18, Shropshire 18; Somerset 9, Gwent 27; Somerset 11, West Dorset 32; Gwent 19, West Dorset 29; West Yorkshire 32, Nottinghamshire 20.

TENNIS

BRISBANE: Grand Prix Tournament: Semi-finals: Francisco Gonzales (Paraguay) beat Mark Dickson (US) 6-0, 6-2; E Teltscher (US) bt C Hooper (US), 3-6, 7-5, 7-6. Final: Teltscher bt Gonzales 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
BARCELONA: Grand Prix tournament: semi-finals: J Nystrom (Swe) bt H Schwaier (WG), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1. Final: M Wilander bt Nystrom, 7-6, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2.
MANHATTAN BEACH, California: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: R Fairbank (SA) bt P Shriver (US), 6-3, 6-3; S Hanika (WG), bt B Bunge (WG), 7-5, 7-6; W Turnbull (Aus), bt J A Russell (US), 6-2, 6-1; C Lloyd (US), bt A Moulton (US), 6-4, 6-4. Semi-finals: Lloyd bt Hanika 6-3, 6-2; Turnbull bt Fairbank 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.
TOKYO: Women's Tournament: Semi-finals: E Inoue (Jap) bt L Bonder (US), 1-6, 6-1, 6-3; B Herr (US) bt M Yanagi (Jap), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Final: Inoue bt Herr 6-0, 6-0.

Committed cheers Sangster

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Although Sadler's Wells did not figure in the Arc finish Robert Sangster still had a successful time at Longchamp yesterday when Committed landed the five-furlong Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp in a most impressive manner. Ridden by Steve Cauthen, the daughter of Hagley, took the running up fully three furlongs from home and went on to beat Habibti by two and half lengths with Anita's Prince a nose away, third.

Dermot Weld, her trainer, said that Committed will almost certainly stay in training next season when she will be aimed at all Europe's top sprints. The filly may possibly also go for the Breeders Cup series at Hollywood Park on November 10. Habibti ran a great race from her number 12 draw and John Dunlop said after "That's the last you've seen of her and the result might have been different but for our draw."

Triptych ran completely away with the group one Prix Marcel Boussac when she won by four lengths from Silvermine with Coup de Folie a further five lengths away third. Trained by David Smaga, Triptych took up the running two furlongs from home and only had to be kept going to win

The favourite, Seven Springs, became extremely nervous before the start and finished a most disappointing sixth. After the race John Fellows reported a cut on the filly's off hind tendon so Seven Springs might have not have given her true running. Triptych who loved today's sticky ground, will be aimed at next season's classics.

Other results at Longchamp

Going: Holding
PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC (GROUP I: 2-Y-O fillies: £24,752: 1m)
1, TRIPTYCH (A Lequeux), 2, Silvermine (F Head), 3, Coup de Folie (C Asmussen) ALSO RAN: Captive Island (4th), Gay Hellene (5th) Seven Springs (6th) Daffodil Walk (7th) Elisharp (8th) Late Evening (9th). 9 ran. 4l, 5l, ½l, 2l, 1l, ½l 10l, 4l, 5l. D Smaga in France. PARI MUTUEL 4.60 (coupled with Late Evening), 1.50, 1.90, 1.60 DF 13.70. 1m 46.7 sec

PRIX DE L'ABBAYE (GROUP I: £24,752: 5f)
1 COMMITTED (S Cauthen); 2, Habibti (W Carson); 3, Anita's Prince (Y Saint-Martin) ALSO RAN: Royal Hobbit (4th), Parioli (5th) Harifa (6th), Prince Sabo (7th), Gabitat (8th), Vorvados (9th), Reasonable (10th), Princes Tracy (11th), Sky Lawyer (12th). 12 ran. 2½l, nose, 1½l, 2l, 3l, 1l ½l. D Weld in Ireland. PARI MUTUEL 2.60; 1.60, 1.50, 2.10 DF 4.80. 62.59.8 sec

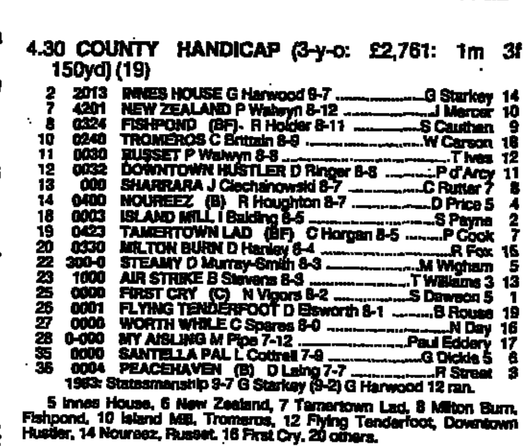
PRIX DE L'OPERA (GROUP II: fillies: £20,827: 1m 1f 55yd)
1 REINE MATHILDE (F Head), 2, Ibadiyya (Y Saint Martin), 3, Albertine (E Legrix). ALSO RAN: Aunty (4th), Brana (5th), Ahohoney (6th), Speedygirl (7th), Amalda (8th), Lolly Dolly (9th), La Baine (10th), Alys (11th), Clare Bridge (12th), Stramss (13th), Sly Moon (14th), Clover Dancer (15th), Rachanie (16th). 16 ran. Nk, Nk, 2½l, 3l, 1½l, 1½l, 2l, ¾l, ¾l. Mme C Head. PARI MUTUEL 4.00; 1.50, 1.20, 2.50 DF 3.80. 2m 00.8 sec

BATH

GOING: good to firm
DRAW: low numbers best

2.00 ALDIE APPRENTICE STAKES (£1,928: 1m 2f 50yd) (6 runners)
5 4/434- VELESO J S King 6-9-0 – 4
10 10-00 BLOW MY TOP (C) R Holder 5-8-11 A Dicks 1
14 4441 HOUSE HUNTER C Horgan 3-8-5 T Godden 5
18 COLLY CONE G Price 4-8-1 – 2
19 20-40 CRISP AND KEEN K White 6-8-1 M Lynch 6
25 TARGOW GIRL S Matthews 3-7-11 G Yeo 3 3
1983: Bahoor 3-8-12 G Landau (4-6 fav) G Harwood 13 ran.
4-6 House Hunter, 3 Blow My Top, 6 Veleso, 12 Crisp And Keen, 14 Targow Girl, 33 Colly Cone.

2.30 DONNINGTON STAKES (2-y-o: £2,083: 1m 8yd) (13)
1 01 ASTICOT J Hindley 9-4 M Hills 7
2 041 SHEER CLIFF I Balding 9-4 J Matthias 9
3 01 TIMBER TOOL C Nelson 9-4 NON-RUNNER 11
4 11 TOUR D'OR G Harwood 9-4 G Starkey 13
15 30 EVERY EFFORT C Nelson 8-11 J Mercer 4
23 0 SIR CRUSTY R Holder 8-11 NON-RUNNER 2
24 0 SOLDIER OF FORTUNE W Hastings-Bass 8-11 R Lines 5 5
26 000 TAGORE S Matthews 8-11 B Jago 8
30 BRAVE JULIET B Hills 8-8 S Cauthen 10
32 000 GAY PRINCESS C Williams 8-8 – 12
33 KAWEAH MAID D Murray-Smith 8-8 M Wigham 1
35 20 MANDOLIN Thomson Jones 8-8 A Murray 6
37 40 VITELLE J Dunlop 8-8 W Carson 3
1983: (Div I) Adiyamann 8-11 J Reid (10-1) R Houghton 10 ran. (Div II) Gambler's Cup 9-4 G Starkey (4-7 fav) G Harwood 10 ran.
4-5 Tour d'Or, 3 Sheer Cliff, 6 Every Effort, 8 Vitelle, Mandolin, 10 Asticot. 16 others.



3.0 MORRIS DANCER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,341: 1m 8yd) (14)
1 0033 ALGHUZAYLAH Thomson Jones 9-7 A Murray 7
3 100 RAPID ACTION R Holder 8-12 A Dicks 7 14
6 0003 KAYUS J Hindley 8-7 M Hills 8
7 2121 FIRST PLEASURE W Hastings-Bass 8-6 R Lines 5 5
8 0000 CATMAN (B) M Francis 8-3 Paul Eddery 13
9 3120 TAYGETUS C Brittain 8-3 S Cauthen 10
10 0310 FLYHOME P Cundell 8-3 W Carson 4
12 2001 SIMPLE MELODY M Pipe 8-0 – 2
13 3200 WIND FROM THE WEST N Vigors 7-13 S Dawson 5 6
15 1304 GUNNER GIRL R Holder 7-8 R Fox 11
16 10333 LADY LIZA B Stevens 7-7 T Williams 3 3
18 0000 MARK KELLY R Simpson 7-7 K Radcliffe 7 1
19 3000 STOCK HILL LAD (B) M Blanshard 7-7 G Dickie 5 9
21 0-000 UNDEREAVES F(B) C Nelson 7-7 R Street 12
1983: Kellathi 9-5 G Starkey (11-4 fav) F Durr 11 ran.
4 First Pleasure, 9-2 Taygetus, 5 Flyhome, 6 Kayus, 7 Simple Melody, 10 Alghuzaylah, 12 Wind From The West, Catman, 14 Lady Liza, Gunner Girl, 16 others.
FORM: ALGHUZAYCAH (8-7) 3rd beaten 6l to Verchinina (7-7) 9 ran. Ascot 1m h'cap form June 23. KAYUS (7-11) 3rd beaten 2l to Dunant (8-13) 11 ran. Bath 1m h'cap firm Sep 5. FIRST PLEASURE (8-1) won sh hd from Mailman (9-3) 10 ran. Ascot 1m app'ce h'cap good to firm Sep 27 TAYGETUS (7-12) 5th beaten 10½l to Mount Tumbledown (8-3) 11 ran. Ayr 1m h'cap very soft Sep 22. FLYHOME (7-4) 6th been 9½l to Royal Lorna (8-10) 12 ran. Newbury 1m 2f h'cap good to soft Sep 21. SIMPLE MELODY (8-2) won 3l from Camelasor (8-6) 27 ran. Doncaster 1m sell h'cap good to soft. Sep 14. GUNNER GIRL (7-5) 4th beaten 3½l to Flodabay (7-8) 20 ran. Goodwood 7l h'cap good to soft Oct 1
Selection: ALGHUZAYLAH.

3.30 WESTMORLAND HANDICAP (£2,554: 2m 1f 27yd) (17)
1 2000 DARK PROPOSAL B Hanbury 6-9-10 B Rouse 8
2 3212 MUQADAR G Harwood 3-9-7 G Starkey 5
4 1030 CORAL HEIGHTS C Brittain 3-9-3 T Ives 13
5 0443 WONDER WOOD R Holder 5-9-1 S Dawson 5 4
6 1140 RIBOBURG J Dunlop 3-8-0 W Carson 1
10 83-10 CAPTAIN TWINKLE J Toller 4-8-12 S Cauthen 12
12 3000 PONTIN BOY (B) Thomson Jones 5-8-11 A Murray 15
15 0000 WORDSWORTH D Wilson 4-8-4 T Williams 3 8
16 0000 QUIET COUNTRY P Makin 3-8-1 R Wernham 17
17 3003 WORLING-PEARL F Durr 3-8-1 – 7
21 0303 ACCURACY G Balding 3-7-11 – 2
22 0200 SEDGE P Walwyn 3-7-11 Paul Eddery 14
23 0303 KNIGHT'S HEIR D Arbuthnot 3-7-11 M Hills 16
27 0000/ THE FLOORLAYER J Baker 6-7-8 R Street 11
30 00/20- ELSELL M Eckley 9-7-8 – 9
31 0p00 SLEEPLINE SANDMAN R Holder 4-7-7 R Fox 10
33 003 MISS CANNIBAL M Smyly 3-7-7 R Still 3
1983: Bajan Sunshine 4-9-11 B Rouse (5-1) R Simpson 15 ran.
4 Muqadar, 5 Wonder Wood, 7 Coral Heights, 8 Riboburg, Miss Cannibal, 10 Knights Heir, Worling-Pearl, 12 Dark Proposal, Captain Twinkle, 14 Sedge, Ponting Boy, 16 others.
FORM: MUQADAR (9-7) 2nd beaten 5l to Luxury (8-6) with MISS CANNIBAL (7-11) 3rd beaten 9l, with RIBOBURG (9-0) 6th beaten 19l and CHEKA (8-12) 9th beaten over 19l 15 ran. Beverley 2m h'cap good Sep 27. WONDER WOOD (9-10) 3rd beaten 3½l to May Be This (8-12) 8ran. Nottingham 2m h'cap good to firm Aug 14. CAPTAIN TWINKLE (8-1) 5th beaten over 30l to Powersaver Lad (8-0) 14 ran. Yarmouth 2m 2f h'cap soft Sep 20. ACCURACY (8-11) 3rd beaten 18l to Brightner (9-7) 13 ran. Bath 1m 5f stks good Sep 24. KNIGHT'S HEIR (8-0) 3rd beaten 8½l to Mr Teasie Weasie (8-13) 16 ran. Redcar 3m h'cap good Sep 28.
Selection: MUQADAR.

4.0 BLATHWYAT FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,574: 5f) (16)
1 4021 AFRAH (CD) C Benstead 9-1 B Rouse 14
3 0003 AFRICAN MUSIC B Swift 8-8 – 8
5 002 BLUEBELLA I Balding 8-8 S Payne 9
6 BREADCRUMB H Candy 8-8 J Matthias 1
8 0 CALMEDY N Vigors 8-8 S Dawson 5 6
9 044 CLARANDAL W Hastings-Bass 8-8 R Lines 5 2
10 0 CRYSTAL SET N Vigors 8-8 P Cook 3
14 0 LADY COOMBE M Blanshard 8-8 A Murray 4
18 30 MITCHSIDER M Ryan 8-8 W Carson 11
20 0 PAO J Holt 8-8 P Waldron 5
21 00 PEARL JET P Makin 8-8 T Ives 7
22 PERFECT TIMING D Elsworth 8-8 – 10
29 0 SWEET MALINDI J Holt 8-8 – 15
30 0 TENERIFE D Murray-Smith 8-8 M Wigham 13
31 0030 TUMBLE DALE M McCormack 8-8 S Cauthen 16
32 00 VALRACH R Hollinshead 8-8 Paul Eddery 12
1983: Jamra 8-8 B Rouse (11-4) C Horgan 14 ran.
7-4 Bluebella, 11-4 Afrah, 4 Mitchsider, 7 African Music, Clarandal, 12 Tumble Dale, 14 Tenerife, 16 others.

Bath selections

By Mandarin
2.0 House Hunter. 2.30 Tour d'Or. 3.0 First Pleasure. 3.30 MISS CANNIBAL (nap). 4.0 Blubella. 4.30 Tamertown Lad.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Asticot. 3.0 First Pleasure. 3.30 Worling-Pearl. 4.0 Mitchsider. 4.30 Tromeros.

4.30 COUNTY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,761: 1m 3f 150yd) (19)
2 2013 INNES HOUSE G Harwood 9-7 G Starkey 14
7 4201 NEW ZEALAND P Walwyn 8-12 J Mercer 10
8 0324 FISHPOND (BF) R Holder 8-11 S Cauthen 9
10 0240 TROMEROS C Brittain 8-9 W Carson 18
11 0030 RUSSET P Walwyn 8-8 T Ives 12
12 0032 DOWNTOWN HUSTLER D Ringer 8-8 P d'Arcy 11
13 000 SHARRARA J Ciechanowski 8-7 C Rutter 7 8
14 0400 NOUREEZ (B) R Houghton 8-7 D Price 5 4
18 0003 ISLAND MILL I Balding 8-5 S Payne 2
19 0423 TAMERTOWN LAD (BF) C Horgan 8-5 P Cook 7
20 0330 MILTON BURN D Hanley 8-4 R Fox 15
22 300-0 STEAMY D Murray-Smith 8-3 M Wigham 5
23 1000 AIR STRIKE B Stevens 8-3 T Williams 3 13
25 0000 FIRST CRY (C) N Vigors 8-2 S Dawson 5 1
26 0001 FLYING TENDERFOOT D Elsworth 8-1 B Rouse 19
27 0000 WORTH WHILE C Spares 8-0 N Day 16
28 0-000 MY AISLING M Pipe 7-12 Paul Eddery 17
35 0000 SANTELLA PAL L Cottrell 7-9 G Dickie 5 6
36 0004 PEACEHAVEN (B) D Laing 7-7 R Street 3
1983: Statesmanship 9-7 G Starkey (9-2) G Harwood 12 ran.
5 Innes House, 6 New Zealand, 7 Tamertown Lad, 8 Milton Burn, Fishpond, 10 Island Mill, Tromeros, 12 Flying Tenderfoot, Downtown Hustler, 14 Noureez, Russet, 16 First Cry, 20 others.

McHargue bowing out in style

By John Karter

For many people involved in racing the fall that sent Lester Piggott crashing out of the Arc at Newmarket on Saturday had a delicious irony about it. For while Piggott's big-race luck finally ran out, Darrel McHargue, the American rider, whose imminent return to the States was precipitated by Piggott's plundering of the winning St Leger ride on Commanche Run, was enjoying his most successful afternoon in this country.

Piggott's "jocking off" of other riders has, of course, been going on for years, but the Commanche Run affair seems to have left a particualrly nasty taste in the collective mouth of the racing world. This is obviously accentuated by the fact that "Gentleman Darrel" as he has become known, has endeared himself to one and all in the short time he has been here.

Luca Cumani, the Italian-born Newmarket trainer, by whom McHargue has been retained and for whom the American rode the winners of both pattern races on Saturday – Old Country in the Jockey Club Cup and Free Guest in the Sun Chariot Stakes – is obviously sadder than most to see this talented rider go.

"I do not blame him, though". Cumani said yesterday. "I would do the same thing myself if I were in Darrel's position. You can't stay here and keep looking over your shoulder for the shadow of Lester Piggott."

Cumani was referring to the discussion he had with McHargue last week over the renewal of their contract for next season. Then the trainer had been forced to concede that McHargue could expect to lose some of his rides to Piggott.

"I originally brought Darrel over as an investment, like Robert Sangster did with Steve Cauthen". Cumani went on. "And with the backing of someone like Sangster he would be challenging Cauthen for the title within a year. However, while a man like Sangster would be prepared to wait for Darrel to adjust to English conditions, some of my owners were not".

McHargue is staying on to ride the immensely impressive Free Guest in the Champion Stakes in two weeks time and after the way this filly won on Saturday she could give the personable American good reason to thumb his nose as he jets back to California.

The fall of Piggott from Kanz in the early stages of Free Guest's race tended to upstage Steve Norton in his greatest hour. The soft-spoken Barnsley trainer saddled Leysh and Morwray Boy to take first and second places in the Cambridgeshire Handicap

O'Neill injured again

John O'Neill, battered and bruised after another crashing fall, is hoping to be back in action at the end of the week. The former champion dislocated his hip when Azfal fell in the Free Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow on Saturday.

"The fall dislocated by hip," O'Neill said "but then I got a kick from one of the pursuing horses and that knocked the joint back together again. It's still very sore. I could be out of action for days or even weeks, but at the moment I am to be back for Ayre at the weekend."

O'Neill returned to the saddle for the first time at Chepstow since recovering from a leg injury at Carlisle five days earlier.

● Paul Doyle, who at 6ft 5ins is by far the tallest member of the Irish training fraternity, saddled his first winner of a pattern race when Jolly Saint survived in a finish of short heads with Hatton Gardens and La Escala at Phoenix Park on Saturday

This afternoon Phoenix Park stages its "American Friends of Irish Racing Day and Stavros Niarchos, whose filly, Northern Trick, finished second in yesterday's Arc, will have his colours carried in the Arlington Park Cup Maiden by Northern Plain. A son of Northern Dancer, the colt cost $1,350,000 as a yearling and looked particularly promising in a post-racing gallop at the last Curragh meeting.

CYCLING

Kelly's perfect timing

From John Wilcockson Chaville

Sean Kelly did all that was necessary yesterday to win the Blois-Chaville Classic Race, over 239 kilometres, which was his thirty-first victory in a season that he has dominated since April. He won with a perfect finishing sprint up a 300-metre long hill in this suburban town between Paris and Versailles.

"I did not get excited when Criquielion attacked", said Kelly about a break made by the current world champion on the Madeleine Hill, 26 kilometres from the finish. Claude Criquielion, of Belgium, was joined by an Italian, Gibi Baronchelli, who almost immediately crashed and fractured his right collar-bone.

Ten kilometres later, the world champion was overtaken by Kim Andersen, of Denmark, and another Belgian, Ludo Peeters, the 1983 winner of this French classic.

They, too, were caught on the long descent to Charville, where Gilbert Duclos-Lassalle made a brave bid for victory in the final mile, only to be passed by Steven Rooks, and a flying Kelly 50 metres from the chequered flag.

RESULTS: 1, S Kelly (Ire), 6hr 0min 46sec; 2, S Rooks (Neth); 3, P Gavazzi (It); 4, B Wojtinek (Fr); 5, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr); 6, D-E Pedersen (Nor), all same time.

● Cyclists from the United States yesterday completed domination of the Brisbane to Sydney cycling classic, winning both the individual and team titles. Roy Knickman, 18, took the individual classification

BASEBALL

Garvey takes a club to Cubs

San Diego (Reuter) – Steve Garvey's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the San Diego Padres a 7-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday to force a fifth and final game in the in the National League championship series.

Garvey almost single-handedly supplied the attack by San Diego with four hits and five runs batted in. San Diego, which lost the first two games in Chicago and then won two at home, is seeking to become the first National League team to win a championship after falling behind two games to none.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Championship Series: San Diego Padres 7, Chicago Cubs 5 (Best-of-five series tied at two-all).
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Championship Series: Detroit Tigers 1, Kansas City Royals 0 (Detroit Tigers win series 3-0).

BOXING

Brave Feeney outpointed

George Feeny, the British lightweight champion, from Hartlepool, came desperately close to lifting the European title in Frankfurt late on Friday night. Though he floored Rene Weller, of West Germany, in the ninth round and had him out on his feet in the eleventh and twelfth, Feeney was unable to convince the three judges that he had done enough earlier, and they came down unanimously in the German's favour.

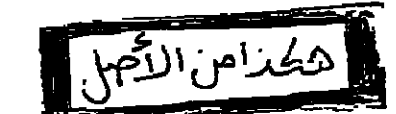
Feeney carried the fight to Weller and the champion, who likes to box clever, had to resort to standing his ground in the seventh and eighth rounds to battle it out to stop the Englishman going forward. That effort appeared to have exhausted Weller and, in the ninth, a right to the chin dropped him. Feeney pressed home his advantage but was unable to connect as solidly again as Weller tottered round the ring.

"I was absolutely exhausted" Weller said afterwards. "I could not have lasted another ten seconds." Weller will now rest for four months before challenging for the world title.

● Nello Jovine, an Italian junior-lightweight, was in a coma after being knocked down three times in the eighth round of a bout with Vicente Carrara, near Pisa on Saturday.

● Mustafa Hamsho, of Syria, who challenges Marvin Hagler on October 19, plans to give a share of his purse to children who are victims of the Lebanese conflict.

BILLINGS, Montana: IBF Cruiserweight Championship: L Murphy (US) bt M Camel (US), rsc 15th round.



RACING

Blubella to give Balding a boost

By Mandarin

For Ian Balding, a talented trainer with royal patronage, 1984 has been a disastrous season, judged on his usual high level of success. With his Kingsclere stable under a cloud all year because of a virus, Balding has mustered just over 20 winners, only a third of his total last year.

Recently, however, there have been clear signs that Balding might be over the worst of his problems. After a promising victory at Salisbury Lost Cause ran a respectable fifth behind Oh So Sharp in the Hoover Fillies' Mile at Ascot, looking a possible Oaks candidate, and on Saturday he saddled another promising filly, Exchange Control, to score at the first time of asking, at Lingfield.

The revival may continue at Bath today with Blubella, who should open her account in the Blathwayt Fillies Stakes over five furlongs. This Balidar filly was totally outpaced in the St. Hugh's Stakes at Newbury in August, but showed an immense amount of improvement in her latest outing, running Michael Stoute's smart newcomer, Mums, to a length and a half in a 22-runner maiden event at Newbury.

Mums went on to frank that a hard-fought victory over Henry Cecil's highly-regarded Arrow To Heaven at Redcar. So Blubella, with Shaun Payne again riding, looks to have a first-class chance of beating John Benstead's course and distance winner, Afrah, and the Newmarket challenger, Mitchsider.

But the day's best bet bet may be Miss Cannibal in the Westmorland Handicap. Mark Smyly's Buckskin filly was a good third behind Luxury at Beverley and looks well weighted.

At Wolverhampton, John Dunlop's Park Parade missed a tempting engagement at Bath to run in the West Midland Handicap and the hint should be taken. Minstrels Gallery, who made a promising debut behind Mrs Danvers on this course last month, looks an automatic choice for the opening event, the Dudly Maiden Stakes.

Michael Stoute's Sharika, a model of consistency this season, has bright prospects of capturing the Queensferry Nursery at Edinburgh. Another attractive bet there is John Winter's Corston Springs.

Saturday's results

Newmarket

Haydock Park

Lingfield Park

Chepstow

Kelso

2.15 1, Czermin (14-1); 2, Lucyfat (7-2fav); 3, Franknese (20-1). 12 ran. 12 ran.
2.45 1, Rentaghost (4-6fav); 2, Marathon Man (25-1); 3, Somerled (25-1). 8 ran.
3.15, Concannon (7-2); 2, Barrister Boy (2-1fav); 3, Galatch (12-1). 10 ran.
3.45 1, Hand Over (5-4fav); 2, Kissboy (25-1); 3, Top O'Th Lane (9-1). 20 ran. NR: Our Louise, King's Holt.
4.15 1, Allerlea (11-4fav); 2, Fox-U-More (9-2); 3, Who's Free (20-1). 10 ran.
4.45 1, Maliistrand (evens fav); 2, Record Supreme (9-2); 3, Karuba (2-1) 10 ran.

Leaders on the Flat

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Unpl	Level stake
H Cecil	100	69	38	1	-1.55
G Harwood	84	68	59	-	-126.23
M Stoute	79	57	55	1	-57.77
J Dunlop	73	52	62	1	-93.78
P Cole	58	44	30	-	+79.84
H T'mson Jones	63	41	38	-	+21.73
B Hills	52	48	52	-	-132.54
W Hern	51	50	40	-	-54.40
R Hollinshead	5	47	62	-	-135.30
L Cumani	47	30	20	-	+42.32
P Walwyn	44	38	54	9	-115.29
R Houghton	43	40	35	2	+14.23

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stake
S Cauthen	120	101	97	7	-72.33
Pat Eddery	98	81	65	2	-45.16
L Piggott	93	76	65	29	-79.37
W Swinburn	84	62	60	7	-63.44
T Ives	83	100	65	10	-175.90
W Carson	78	92	84	-	-142.98
G Duffield	75	84	65	1	-161.48
B Rouse	61	48	76	4	-162.87
T Quinn	56	39	39	2	+99.98
J Reid	55	53	57	21	-179.76
B Raymond	54	48	58	7	-164.50
G Starkey	54	49	39	3	-100.63

Blinkered first time

BATH: 3.0 Catman, Underwave.
WOLVERHAMPTON: 2.30 That Would Be Nice, Bob And Peter. 4.0 Sertorella. 4.30 Crown And Sceptre.
EDINBURGH: 3.45 Wally's Folly, Pringle Bay 5.15 Gagner, Narborough.

WOLVERHAMPTON

GOING: good to soft
DRAW: no advantage

2.0 DUDLEY MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £725: 5f) (11 runners)

1	003	ABLE MAYBOB G Gaines 9-0	M Miller	8
3		DISCOVERED C Austin 9-0	P Bradwell	3
8	0	THREE BELLS H Candy 9-0	R Curant	6
9	00	YOUNG DRAGONARA K Morgan 9-0	R McGhin	2
10	0240	BLUE SCHOLAR (B) E Eldin 8-11	E Guest 5	7
11	2	MINSTREL'S GALLERY B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	9
12	00	MISS METAL-WOODS S Mellor 8-11	N Howe	5
15		PERSIAN COFFEE M Prescott 8-11	A P O'Reilly 7	4
18	3203	SILK IMP P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	10
19	0	STELLA GRANDE R Sheather 8-11	R Cochrane	1
20	00	THATCHVILLE Mrs J Reavey 8-11	A Bond	11

1983: Halifax 9-0 M Miller (8-11 fav) G Huffer 8 ran.

15-8 Minstrel's Gallery, 3 Blue Scholar, 9-2 Silk Imp, 8 Three Bells, 10 Able Maybob, 14 Persian Coffee, Stella Grande, 20 others.

Wolverhampton selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Minstrel's Gallery. 2.30 Navana. 3.0 Park Parade. 3.30 Darling Daughter. 4.0 Blue Waters. 4.30 Tour de Force.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Minstrel's Gallery. 2.30 Charlie Burton. 3.0 Snow Tree. 3.30 Merle. 4.0 Blue Waters. 4.30 Steel Venture.

2.30 OAKEN LODGE NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,026: 7f) (17)

5	000	BAY DIMPLE H Westbrook 9-7	M Miller	10
7	2200	NAVANA D Arcil 9-6	G Baxter	7
8	4000	BOLD INVESTMENT M Eckley 9-5	Gay Kelleway 5	4
10	0000	THAT WOULD BE NICE (B) R Hoad 9-2	G Sexton	2
11	0000	BEEBETTE Capt J Wilson 9-2	-	14
12	3d000	AMIGA BORRACHA K Brassey 9-2	S Whitworth 5	13
13	0200	IKEXEM S Morgan 9-2	M Fozzard 7	12
14	0000	PAX ROMANA P Burgoyne 9-2	J Reid	16
15	0040	CHARLIE BURTON Mrs J Reavey 9-1	A Bond	5
16	4300	LINARIA C Wildman 9-1	B Raymond	1

3.0 WEST MIDLAND HANDICAP (£2,902: 1m 4f) (16)

24	0410	INFINITY RULES (D) (B) S Mellor 3-8-3	N Howe	13
25	2000	TINOCO R Hollinshead 4-8-3	W Ryan 3	6
26	00-00	ANOTHER GENERATION R Howe 7-8-3	S Cottle	5
29	3003	BRONSKI (B) S Norton 3-8-0	C Ollivier	11
31	34-00	SLEDGE K Brassey 3-7-11	R Hills	8
32	0000	BLONDELLO (D) H Candy 5-7-11	R Curant	15
33	4000	PROCEEDING (D) A Jarvis 3-7-9	N Adams 5	3
37	0000	SECLUSIVELY KNOWN D Sasse 3-7-7	D McKay	16
38	2000	BATTLE DRUM H Candy 3-7-7	-	4
41	0-000	RHEIN COURT D H Jones 4-7-7	B Crossley	7
42	0-000	SHAKIRA GROVE J Spearing 3-7-7	M L Thomas	14

1983: Brilliant Rose 3-9-7 W R Swinburn (15-8 fav) M Stoute 8 ran.

100-30 Park Parade, 5 Snow Tree, 13-2 Ben's Birdie, Old Hubert, 8 Claudius Crozet, Bronski, 10 Tinoco, 12 Huspengo, Infinity Rules, 16 others.

3.30 DUDLEY MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £711 5f) (11)

4.0 SEDGELEY CLAIMING STAKES (3-y-o: £2,130: 1m 1f) (24)

4.30 BREWOOD HANDICAP (£2,258: 1m 1f) (24)

EDINBURGH

Going: straight good, round good to firm
Draw: High numbers best

2.15 INGLISTON FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £914: 5f) (7 runners)

1	200	BOLD WAY (B) W Bentley 8-8	-	
2	200	CORRALS LADY J Winter 8-8	-	
3	0400	DARCY FARROW Denys Smith 8-8	-	
9	0000	NORTHERN PARADE M W Easterby 8-8	M Birch	1
12		PREMIERE CUVEE M Prescott 8-8	G Duffield	7
13		PROPERRION W H Williams 8-8	J Currie 7	8
15	0	REIGNING T Barron 8-8	S Webster	4

1983: Acka's Gem 8-8 J Seagrave (16-1) Mrs S Cousins 11 ran.

11-4 Corrals Lady, 7-2 Bold Way, Premiere Cuvee, 11-2 Darcy Farrow, 8 Properrion, 14 Northern Parade, Reigning.

Edinburgh selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Premier Cuvee. 2.45 Cedees. 3.15 First Folly. 3.45 Tatiana. 4.15 Corston Springs. 4.45 Sharika. 5.15 Grey Coral.

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2.15 Corrals Lady. 2.45 Cedees. 3.15 Balabil. 3.45 By Surprise. 4.15 Corston Springs. 4.455 Sharika. 5.15 Grey Coral.

2.45 GULLANE SELLING HANDICAP (£608: 5f) (14)

1	000-0	ROSINKA (D) P Rohan 3-9-10	R Fahey 7	9
3	0000	JOLIE COURTISANE (D) J S Wilson 4-9-5	G Duffield	10
4	-0000	NORTH PINE (B) J Etherington 3-9-6		

3.15 REGENCY HANDICAP (£1,982: 1m 4f) (13)

27	4002	THARALEOS F Watson 4-7-11	D Leadbetter 5	4
31	0043	SWEETHEART W Haigh 4-7-7	A Proude	2
32	-0000	A T S PRINCE K Stone 5-7-7	M Fry	9

1983: Hasty Goddess 4-9-1 E Hide (10-1) W A Stephenson 11 ran.

3 Balabil, 4 Maladhu, 5 Tharaleos, 11-2 Starwind, Apple Wine, 8 Gainville Lad, 10 Six o Six Auction, 14 others.

FORM: STARWIND (9-2) 4th beaten 6½l to Snow Tree (9-6) 12 ran. Yarmouth 1m 3f h'cap good Sep 19. CHACONIA (8-7) 9th beaten over 25l to Lailax (8-7) 12 ran. Yarmouth 1m 2f stks soft Sep 20. RED DUSTER (11-0) 3rd beaten 5½l to Van Dyke Brown (10-13) 10 ran. Ayr 1m 7f amat stks good to soft Sep 19. BALABIL (8-12) 4th beaten 7l to Sovereign Honey (8-6) 9 ran. Hamilton 1m 4f h'cap good to firm Sep 3. FIRST FOLLY (8-3) 4th beaten 14½l to Russian Noble (8-4) 4 ran. Newcastle 1m 4f mdn stks good firm Aug 25. MALADHA (8-8) 6th beaten

3.45 FISHERROW MAIDEN STAKES (£1,032: 1m) (16)

4.15 PORTOBELLO MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £1,439: 1m) (12)

4.45 QUEENSFERRY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,104: 7f) (10)

5.15 PORTOBELLO MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £1,439: 1m) (11)

SOUTHWELL

GOING: Good

2.15 MORTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (£555: 2m) (16 runners)

2	2100	TYMAPALI P Bowlby 4-11-6	M Bowlby	
5	p020-	FLUTTERVILLE R E Peacock 5-11-1	C Kellett	5
6	2	LACORD (BF) J FitzGerald 5-11-1	-	
7		LIVING FIRE Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-1	P A Farrell	
10	00-	SHARAT K Morgan 4-10-10	W Hayes	
11		CELTIC BOB O O'Neill 4-10-10	M Caswell	
12	p0-	FALCNER LADY R Robinson 5-10-10	-	
13	0000-	FLY GATE J Webber 5-10-10	M Jenkins	
14	p0-	INFINITE STAR J Harris 4-10-10	Vicki Harris	5
16	0p0-	ROYAL BRAVE P W Harris 4-10-10	P Croucher	
18	00-u0	ROYAL GRANT (B) Mrs K Coulman 5-10-10	D Wills	5
20	202	TACHYROS L Lightbrown 4-10-10	K Sims	
21		TURKANA S Mellor 4-10-10	G Charles-Jones	
23		PINGARO P S Felgate 4-10-5	T Woolley	5
24		PRYME MOVER T H Caldwell 4-10-5	-	
26	20-2	RIGTON SALLY H Wharton 4-10-5	S Youlden	

1983: State Case 5-11-1 C Bell (4-9 fav) M W Dickinson 16 ran.

5-2 Living Fire, 100-30 Lacord, 5 Tachyros, 6 Rigton Sally, 8 Tymapali, 9 Turkana, 10 Fly Gate, 16 others.

Southwell selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Lacord. 2.45 Arras Girl. 3.15 Father Delaney. 3.45 State Case. 4.15 Celtic Story. 4.45 Victory Prize.

2.45 UPTON SELLING HURDLE (£551: 2m) (10)

3.15 COLONEL R THOMPSON MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,431: 3m 110yd) (5)

3.45 BOWER ½ BOWER NOVICE CHASE (£1,012: 2m 74yd) (11)

4.15 JACK LEVY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,444: 2m 4f) (18)

4.45 OXTON HANDICAQ CHASE (£1,008: 2m 74yd) (13)

1	804-1	VICTORY PRIZE Denys Smith 6-12-1 (6 ex)	C Grant	
2	0-040	MR MARLSBRIDGE (B) O Brennan 11-11-10	M Brennan	
3	2212	GREENHILL HALL C Thornton 8-11-9 (6 ex)	-	
4	0040-	VIRIBUS (CD) Earl Jones 8-11-5	P Dever	4
5	0-up3	WESTERING HOME (CD) D Mills 10-11-4	M Hoad	7
6	34p4-	DEAR REMUS (CD) J Harris 12-10-13	J A Harris	
8	1212	RENREBO R Perkins 7-10-11 (6 ex)	Dal Williams	
9	u400-	ENERGISE (CD) B Shaw 6-10-8	A Wathen	4
10	2-312	SUPER BRAT Rex Carter 5-10-7	P Barton	
12	1-440	HANOVER PRINCE H O'Neill 9-10-4	K Caplen	7
13	000-p	PRUDENT MATCH H O'Neill 5-10-4	M Hammond	
14	01-0p	UISNEACH HILL (B) J Davies 7-10-3	-	
17	0-320	MASTER WHAT W Clay 12-10-0	S J O'Neill	

1983: Only Money 12-11-10 N Doughty (7-2) G Richards 6 ran.

11-4 Greenhill Hall, 7-2 Victory Prize, 4 Renrebo, 5 Super Brat, 7 Viribus, 10 Hanover Prince, 12 Mr Marlsbridge, 16 others.

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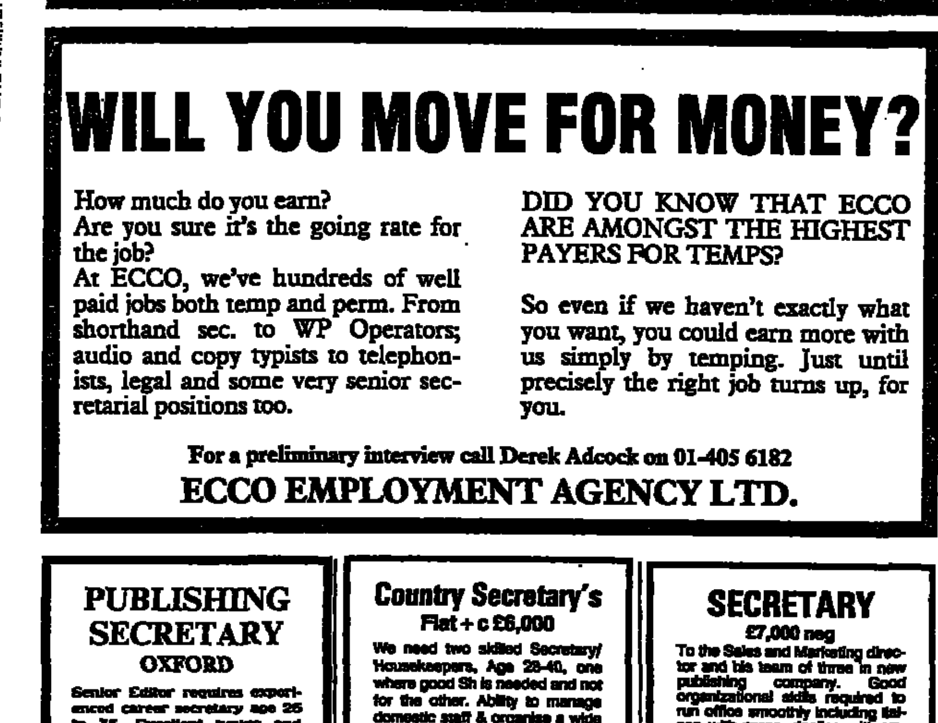
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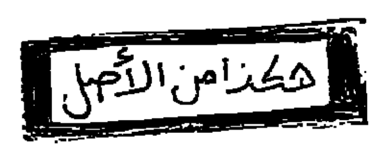
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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career choice

Wholesome prospects

Sally Hesmondhalgh on work in the health food industry

At a time when newspapers daily lament shrinking industries and lost jobs, it is heartening for young job seekers to learn of one business sector which is actually expanding, with continued growth forecast up to the end of this century.

In the last five years the market for health foods – everything from breakfast muesli to vitamin supplements and herbal teas – has doubled in size. What opportunity does this booming industry offer to the young person starting out on a career?

Starting work as a counter assistant no longer means a lifetime behind the scales, because health food is becoming big business both in Britain and America. As the public has become more conscious of the need to stay fit by eating less refined foods, large firms have sprung up to supply the demand. It is now possible to trace a path up to senior management level, and in the last two years, formal training has become available to help the aspiring ascend the career ladder.

Britain's biggest company in this field is Booker Health Foods, which owns publishing and retail firms. One part of the group, Brewhurst's, is now the largest wholesaler in Europe. Mr Colin Tophill is trade development director of Booker Health Foods. What future can his company offer a young entrant?

"There are many opportunities for young people. In the late 1970s I forecast that the market would have doubled by 1985, and people thought I was wrong. But in that time it has gone from £80 million to £160 million, and by 1990 I believe there will be substantially more growth.

"At present there are about 1,400 specialist health food shops. Consumer interest is growing, and by 1990 there could be as many as 1,800 to 2,000 outlets, providing there is careful development so as not to saturate the market."

Learning all about the products

The Booker group has its own retailing operation, Holland & Barrett, which directly own 160 stores, and is setting up more under franchise. Mr Ian Taylor, Holland & Barrett's personnel manager, explained how staff are trained. Staff begin as sales assistants, and go through a training course to learn about the products they sell.

"We have product knowledge work books, and it takes them up to six months through the questions and answers, training in the shop, said Mr Taylor. "For managers we have a timetable training programme taking six to 13 weeks, also in-branch. Then for the more experienced manager there is a five-day course in management development".

How attractive is the company to a young entrant with eyes fixed on management? "Because we are in a growth market we do have very good opportunities for people to take responsibility at a very early stage. Some of our managers are only in their early 20s", he said.

The Booker group supplies the specialist health food shops – traditionally outlets for herbal medicines as well as foods – but outside this network many whole food shops, with an image of stripped pine shelving, brown rice and alternative lifestyles.

Taking a job in an independent store, either of the traditional or alternative type, need not mean missing formal training for management. Correspondence courses leading to a diploma have recently been introduced by the National Association of Health Stores, covering the subject in great depth.

The rapid rise in consumer interest in health foods is leading to new job opportunities, not only in shops and wholesaling, but also in catering. In April it was announced that a new chain of health food restaurants was about to be launched, the first opening in London shortly.

Another new initiative has come from a Londoner, Shayne Gould, taking health foods into the fast foods business. He has just opened his first takeaway restaurant in Soho. He had no difficulty finding financial backing for his scheme, and sees the Broadwick Street takeaway as the first of a national chain under the name "Gouldies".

"I have deliberately employed young people so we can keep the atmosphere friendly and fun. We are looking for people who will be capable of taking on managerial positions when we expand", he said. "At the age of 29 I am the oldest member of the business!"

Mr Ivor Vale now runs a flourishing health food shop and restaurant, and customers in the county town of Hereford queue up to buy his salads and wholemeal pastry quiches. But only 12 years ago, then in his mid-forties, Mr Vale was employed in a completely different job, as transport manager with a local poultry firm.

His career change was precipitated when an empty shop caught his eye as he enjoyed a Sunday stroll. He knew little about health foods, although he enjoyed sampling them from a shop in another town. "I liked the atmosphere, the smell of the place," he said.

Looking at the empty shop, formerly part of a large ironmongery, he thought it would make an ideal health food shop. "I rang the estate agents next morning," said Mr Vale. They wanted £6,000, but the shop needed a lot of work on it, and I offered £4,000, not expecting any success. I was very surprised to get a reply saying 'Yes'."

He and his wife raised the money by taking out a second mortgage on their home, and borrowing from a bank. The ironmongery company helped, allowing him to tetain part of the purchase price for a year, to allow him to buy stock.

To keep costs down, he did all the repair work and fitting himself. He remained in his job, taking two weeks leave to complete the decorations of the shop, and to assist his wife, who had given up her job to run it, with the first week of trading.

For nine months he kept his permanent job, spending every spare minute in the shop. Then his employers wanted to change their transport operation, and he felt the time had come to leave.

Trade had not reached a level which would support him, his wife and a part-time emloyee, so Mr Vale spent some time driving a taxi and selling fire extinguishers.

"Sales in the shop started to climb rapidly. I was fortunate in the greater interest being shown in nutrition and health, and I found sales were related to the extra time I had to talk to customers and find out more about what we should stock.

"Gradually I let go the agency selling and the taxi work, feeling if I gave more time to the shop I could increase sales even further."

Moving shop – in one weekend

Then the local council condemned two cottages at the rear of his shop. This was the spur he needed to take on further expansion. He renovated the cottages to make a small salad bar, seating 20 people.

"Right from the beginning it was busy, and sales in the shop increased as well. Within 12 months we were searching for more room."

At this time the remainder of the ironmongery premises, just down the street, became available. Doubting if he could afford it, Mr Vale saw the larger shop and made a "tongue-in-cheek offer". It was promptly accepted.

He and his wife sold their homes to finance the new mortgage, and their existing shop was also sold at a profit. They prepared to move.

"We did not close at all. When we finished trading on Saturday night an army of my staff and friends unloaded the shelves onto trolleys and moved them up the road.

"I had done a lot of publicity beforehand, and we got off to a very good start when we opened on Monday morning. We now had a restaurant seating 100 people, but within 12 months we were once again struggling to find more seating space."

Mr Vale has since bought the inn next door, converted it and enlarged his restaurant. He opened the first floor as a gift shop, sells craft work *and paintings by local artists*, and even now has some space to find a use for.

He works around 15 hours a day, and is often behind the counter or on the till. Has he any regrets?

"Only that I did not do it earlier. I am very happy. For my first six months as a full-time shopkeeper I found it strange, but I love the life now. I would recommend it to anyone."

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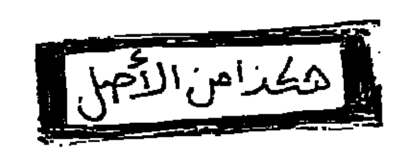
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12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 Pebble Mill at One includes an interview with Sally Burton widow of Richard, who talks about her one year marriage to the actor. Hilary James demonstrates simple ways to work with zips and zippers. 1.45 Pigeon Street (r).
2.00 The World of Cooking. Part one – the cuisine of Hongkong (r) 2.25 See Hear! Magazine programme for the deaf. First of a new series (shown yesterday). 2.50 In the Making. The paintings of Robert Bates (r). 3.10 Songs of Praise from Euston (shown yesterday) 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 Play School, Presented by Wayne Jackman. 4.10 The Hunter. 4.15 Beat the Teacher. 4.30 Dungeons and Dragons. 4.50 John Craven's Newsround.
5.00 Blue Peter reports from Tsavo in Kenya where, 85 years ago lions devoured 28 men working on a railway (Ceefax). 5.30 Ask the Family. The Buckleys of Stockport meet the Ward family from Portstewart in the second semifinal of the general knowledge contest. 5.58 Weather.
6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.
6.30 London Plus.
6.55 Harty. Among Russell Harty's guests are Barbara Cartland, Ken Livingstone and Georgie Fame singing with Patti Boulaye.
7.40 Get Set Go! Hectic word game presented by Michael Barrymore.
8.10 Panorama. Thatcher's Revolution: What Next? On the eve of the Conservative Party Conference reporter Michael Cockerell examines the state of the party after five years of Mrs Thatcher in Downing Street. In the studio Fred Emery interviews the secretary of state for Trade and Industry, Norman Tebbit.
9.00 News with Julia Somerville.
9.25 Film: The Amsterdam Kill (1977) starring Robert Mitchum as Quinlan, a disagreeable ex-narcotics agent on the trail of vicious drug gangs. Directed by Robert Clouse. (First showing on British television).
10.55 Film 84. Barry Norman with news and reviews of, among others, Once Upon a Time in America, Cal, and Moscow on the Hudson. The programme also includes the last television interview given by Richard Burton, on the set of his final film, 1984.
11.23 News headlines.
11.25 Sparks. Young impresarios (r).
11.50 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Jayne Irving and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; pop video at 7.54; astrology at 8.15; Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.34; financial advice at 8.43; the TV-am doctor at 9.06.

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9.25 Thames news headlines 9.30 For Schools: How animals care for their young. 9.47 Learning to read with Basil Brush. 9.58 The work of the police. 10.12 Looking after arable land. 10.32 *A Passage to the East End*, by Farrukh Dhondy. 11.02 The excitement of city life. 11.20 Junior maths. 11.38 French conversation.
12.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story of Morris's Disappearing Bag. 12.10 Let's Pretend to the tale of The Octopus Who Came Out of the Sea (r). 12.30 Do It Herself. Tips for the handywoman from Anne Brand and Muriel Clark (r).
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news
1.30 Film: Moon Zero Two (1968) starring James Olson, Warren Mitchell and Adrienne Corri. Science fiction adventure about the capture of an orbiting asteroid made of solid sapphire. Directed by Roy Ward Baker. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.
4.00 Flicks. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 he-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4.40 Educating Marmalade. Another episode from the life of the naughtiest girl in the world (r) (Oracle). 5.00 Dangermouse pits his wits against the evil Baron Greenback (r).
5.15 Emmerdale Farm. Who has found out about Jack's involvement with Karen Moore?
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news with Tina Jenkins.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with news of residential courses recommended by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education.
6.35 Crossroads. Glenda Banks receives a welcome surprise while Iris Scott is depressed because of what she learns about J. Henry Pollard.
7.00 The Krypton Factor. The second semi-final of the brain and brawn competition, presented by Gordon Burns (Oracle).
7.30 Coronation Street. Jack Duckworth goes to court and receives more than he thought he would (Oracle).
8.00 Tripper's Day. Comedy series, starring the late Leonard Rossiter as a supermarket manager, this week discovering that the store bingo cards are all the same and everybody is entitled to the first prize (Oracle).
8.30 World in Action: Football's Mr Fix-It. An investigation into football boss Anton Johnson who has, in recent years, dabbled in the affairs of seven football clubs.
9.00 Quincy. A new series begins with the investigative pathologist dealing with a woman who is suffering from agoraphobia and who cannot convince the police she witnessed a murder because the body has not been found.
10.00 News at Ten.
10.30 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense: Child's Play. A couple experience a strange case of claustrophobia.
11.55 The Bounder. Comedy series starring Peter Bowles as the smooth con-man brother-in-law of Trevor (George Cole) (r).
12.25 Night Thoughts

Maurice Lister and his "boy": BBC 2, 9.30pm

● THE LION AND THE DRAGON (BBC 2, 9.30 pm) is the first of Christopher Cook's two films about the British in China between 1920 and 1939: clips from black-and-white amateur movies never shown in public before, and reminscences to camera by some of the Britons who were there. Tonight's film is very revealing of the deplorable British imperialist attitude that prevailed, even though the Britons in China during these two pre-war decades were not there as imperialists. By choice and custom, most of them were carefully isolated from the Chinese within enclaves of Englishness. This is how Mr Cook's narration puts it. And these corners of a foreign field that were forever England, as Rupert Brook put it, were zealously guarded. "No dogs and Chinese", said a sign in a Shanghai park. We see few pictures

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of Britons and Chinese rubbing shoulders in the same social environment. It was almost always a master-and-servant relationship. And when it came to choosing a servant, it was often the least presentable and the least good-looking that got the job because, as a former member of the consular service puts it, they were more grateful and therefore more faithful. Tonight's witnesses are now old enough and wise enough (and decent enough) to express regret for their fellow Britons' contempt for the Chinese, "many of whom had more education, more culture and more compassion than they themselves had".

● TRELOAR'S NAVY (7.30 pm) tonight puffs along the national waterways of BBC 2 seven months after giving the regional viewers of BBC North-West and Cumbria a treat. James Macalpine's quirky little film is a hymn of praise to steam, sung with a grin on its oily face. It tells how three steamboats (two tugs and a yacht thought to have belonged to Kaiser Bill) set off along the Tyne, making for a new steamboat museum in Cumbria. Eric Robson's leg-pulling commentary succinctly sums up the subsequent misfortunes: the tiny flotilla has all the luck of the Spanish Armada. It is more in hope than expectation that Amos Treloar, the doughty Tynesider who fathered the flotilla, makes this pronouncement about the early, successful stage of the odyssey: "God! We'll be there before we get there!"

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

7.45 Open University: Maths: Algebra. Ends 8.10.
9.00 Ceefax.
9.15 Daytime on Two: Working on the production line filling aerosol cans. 9.30 Practical work. 10.00 You and me. 10.15 The music of traffic. 10.38 Glasgow in the mid-19th century. 11.00 Part four of the series on the Arabs (Ceefax). 11.25 Thinkabout.
11.42 Everyman's guide to lasers. 12.10 Claiming Social Security. 12.35 Rocks: granite. 1.00 Development issues in India. 1.30 Ceefax. 1.38 The 1941 air-raids on Clydeside. 2.00 The attraction of opposites. 2.18 The body machine. 2.40 Vocal sounds.
3.00 Dallas. Another episode from the last series of the soap-opera, this one covering the period when the struggle for control of Ewing Oil is decided (r) (Ceefax).
3.45 Film: The Sun Shines Bright* (1953) starring Charles Winninger and Arleen Whelan. Small town election time with the aging Judge Priest being opposed by the Kentucky State's Attorney. Based on a short story by Irvin S. Cobb and directed by John Ford.
5.15 Cartoon. The Musical Tree.
5.25 News summary.
5.30 The Dog Show presented by Dennis McCarthy. Tonight's programme includes Vince Hill and his old English sheepdogs; dog judge Joe Braddon examining hunters; the serving dogs of the British Army; and vet Don Haxby answering viewers' questions on canine care.
6.00 Film: King's Rhapsody (1955) starring Anna Neagle and Errol Flynn. Love story, based on the musical play by Ivor Novello, about a European prince torn between love of his mistress and his love for his country. Directed by Herbert Wilcox.
7.30 Treloar's Navy. The story of a flotilla of steam tugs, leaving the Tyne for a new steamboat museum (see Choice).
8.00 To the Manor Born. In this episode the widowed Audrey finds herself up against her late husband's creditors, the tax man and the bank with only Richard as a life-line (r).
8.30 Bootle Saddles. Comedy series about a gang of urban cowboys.
9.00 Kelly Monteith takes another wry look at the British way of life.
9.30 The Lion and the Dragon. The first of two documentaries in which British men and women remember China between the First and Second World Wars. Tonight's film explains why Shanghai was known as the 'Paris of the East' (see Choice).
10.15 Jack High. The Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament from Worthing. Tonight's game features David Bryant in a Group A qualifying match. The commentators are David Vine and David Rhys Jones.
10.45 Newsnight. Ends at 11.35.

CHANNEL 4

3.30 The Presidential Debates. The first of two televised debates between President Reagan and Walter Mondale. This debate was live last night in Louisville, Kentucky, and covered economic questions.
5.00 Alice. Another day in the life of the widowed waitress struggling to raise a young son and a laugh while working in a Phoenix, Arizona, diner.
5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show. A selection of the comedians' funniest routines.
6.00 Well Being. The last in the series on health, presented by Pamela Armstrong and Dr Simon Small. Adolescence is the topic this evening and the problem of young people being labelled for the rest of their lives for anti-social behaviour during that period of their lives. 'Disturbed', 'deviant' and 'delinquent' are the most common tags. This evening's programme looks behind these labels and asks whether these people are really disturbed or reacting sanely to a disturbed environment (r).
6.40 Let's Parlez Franglais. Miles Kington introduces this, the last programme of his series, from the Gare Du Nord in Paris. Le Proposal of Marriage is discussed by Nerys Hughes and Christopher Timothy; Un Breakdown Sur La Route finds stranded motorist Shaw Taylor helped first by Martin Oldfield and then by the shaplier Lynn Seymour; finally, Dans Le Sex Shop, an embarrassed customer, Tim Brooke-Taylor explains his needs to proprietor John Junkin.
7.00 Channel Four News with Peter Sissons includes a report from Edward Stourton on the shaping of the image the Prime Minister will present at this week's Conservative Party conference.
7.50 Comment. With his view on a subject of topical importance is the chairman of Rockware Group, Sir Peter Parker.
8.00 Brookside. Karen looks forward to a university course while Damon ponders the question whether or not there is a future for him in Liverpool.
8.30 Chance in a Million. Another comical episode from the life of the accident-prone Tom Chance. Tonight he is mistaken for a bruiser by his girlfriend's cousin when he is drawn into two pub fights.
9.00 A Fragment of Memory. Michael Orrom, film maker, remembers his years during the late Thirties when he was at Trinity College, Cambridge.
10.00 St Elsewhere. More black comedy from the run-down Boston hospital where, this week, Dr Erlich receives a shock after his free-loving girlfriend visits a psychiatrist.
11.00 The Eleventh Hour: Return to Vienna. A profile of Vienna between the wars through the recollections of Frank West, formally Franz Weintraub of the Viennese Jewish community.
12.40 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. †denotes stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping Forecast. 6.00 news briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Week from the South East. 6.25 Prayer for the Day. 6.30 Today, incl. 6.30, 7.30 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4.
8.43 The Awakening by Kate Chopin abridged in seven parts (1). Read by Sarah Badel. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker, from Belfast.
10.00 News; Money Box: The 1984-85 Unit Trust Managers' Portfolio (r).
10.30 Morning Story: "Alice and the Jogging Plumber" by Fred Urquhart (first of two parts). Read by Fraser Kerr.
10.45 Daily Service (NEM, page 50) †.
11.00 Down Your Way visits Penrith in Cumbria. With Brian Johnston (r).
11.48 Poetry Please!. The presenter: P J Kavanagh. Readers: Garard Green and Angela Down.
12.00 News: You and Hours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Around The World in 25 Years. Johnny Morris recalls his travels in Greece. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour. Includes an account of a crowd artist's work on the new film version of George Orwell's 1984. And the final episode of Loose Connections, read by Sian Thomas.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Maigret and the Millionaires. Dramatized for radio by Malcolm Stewart. With Maurice Denham as Maigret. Cast also includes Brian Haines, John Rye and Andrew Sachs (r).
4.17 A Sense of Theater. Patrick Garland, discusses with Ronald Eyre his personal sense of theatre (r).
4.40 Story Time: "Stepping Westward" by Malcolm Bradbury (Part II). Read by Robert Powell.
5.00 PM: News 5.50 Shopping Forecast 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Quote ... Unquote. With Basil Boothroyd, June Knox-Mawer, Shelley Rohde, Heremy Sinden and Nigel Rees (r).
7.00 The Archers.
7.20 Science Now. A weekly review of discoveries and developments from the world of science and technology. With Peter Evans
7.50 The Monday Play. "The Long March" by Anne Devlin. With Maggie Shevlin, Sean Barrett, Denys Hawthorne, Michael Duffy. The story of a student protester in Northern Ireland during the late 1960s who attempts to capture the spirit of those days a decade later. The author is the daughter of the Northern Ireland trade unionist Paddy Devlin.
9.35 Kaleidoscope: Includes a report on the Frankfurt Book Fair introduced by Richard Mayne
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "I Heard the Owl Call My Name" by Margaret Craven abridged in 8 parts (1) Read by Garrick Hagon. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Music at Night. Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words from Books 1-5 (Gieseking, piano).
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England & S Wales only). Radio 4 vhf is as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Music Makers. 11.20 Let's Move! 11.40 Word Games. 11.50 Poetry Corner. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 Playtime. 2.20 Introducing Science. 2.40 Noticeboard. 2.45 Radio Club 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: People's Theatre (2). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: Voix de France (1 & 2).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Naudot's Recorder Concerto Op 17 No 5 (Harvey, soloist): Handel's Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op 3 No 1 (Malgoire, oboe); Mozart's Piano Conerto No 19 (Perahia/English Chamber Orchestra).†
8.00 News
8.05 Morning Concert: part two. Berlioz's overture Waverley: Elgar's Violin Sonata in E minor Op 82 (Bean/Parkhouse); Chopin's Andante Spianato and Grand Polonaise (Vasary, piano) †
9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Martinu. Saltarello (Mrandolina); Cowslip (settings of Moravian folk song texts); Piano Sonata (Kvapil, piano); and Les fresques de Piero della Francesca †
10.00 Rachmaninov: Howard Shelley continues his Wigmore Hall marathon, playing all the composer's works for solo piano. Today: Thirteen Preludes, Op 32 †
10.45 The Mannheim School: Johann Stamitz's Symphony in D, Op 7 No 5c 6, and F X Richter's Concerto in E minor (Nicolet, flute).†
11.20 Brahms, Poulenc, and Herbert Howells: Deborah Rees (soprano) with Sheelagh Gallwey (piano). The Brahms works include Der Schmied Op 19 No 4, and Bei dir sind meine Gedanken Op 95 No 2. Poulenc's La courte paille; and Howells's Girl's Song, Gavotte, Under the Greenwood Tree.†
11.55 Bush and Bax: Manoug Parikian (violin) and BBC SO (under De Mar). Alan Bush's Violin Concerto; and Bax's Spring Fire.†1.00 News
1.05 Music for Clarinet and Piano: Jack Brymer (clarinet) and David Lloyd. Schumann's Fantasy Pieces Op 73; Hindemith's Sonata, Joseph Horovitz's Sonatina, and Fauré's Sicilienne †
2.00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes William Mann's review of the Victorian music critic J W Davison. And Peter Dickinson on the songs of Charles Ives (r)†
2.45 New Records: Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite No 1; Schubert's Fantasy in C (Grazer Fantasie, D 605a); Vaughan Williams's On Wenlock Edge (Tear, soloist); Berg's Violin Concerto (Chung, soloist); Bach's Preludes and Fugues in A flat major and C sharp minor (Gilbert), and Mozart's Missa solemnis in C, K 337 †
4.55 News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Natalie Wheen's selections †
6.30 Organ Music: Christopher Bowers-Broadbent plays Schumann's Six Fugues on BACH, Op 60 †
7.05 John Lill piano recital. Part one: Mozart's Sonata in D, K 576. Schumann's Carnaval.†
7.55 Talk: Dr Gordon Jackson gives the second of two talks on the end of British rule in India. Tonight: Cutting the Knot
8.15 John Lill (cond): Mozart's Sonata in D, K 576: and Schuman's Carnaval.†
9.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra: Concert, part one. With David Cowley (oboe). Hoddinott's Scenes from The Trumpet Major (first broadcast in Britain). Adrian Beaumont's Oboe Concerto (also a British broadcast premiere). Interval reading at 9.35
9.40 Concert: part two. Jeffrey Lewis's Praeludium for orchestra; Robert Swain's NGC 5128: In Centaurus, Timothy Taylor's Scherzi.†
10.30 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Onward International †
11.15 News. Until 11.18

Radio 2

As medium wave. †denotes also VHF stereo.
News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 Martin Kelner † 5.30 Ray Moore†including 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.30 Terry Wogan†including 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 10.00 Jimmy Young † 12.00 Colin Berry with lunchtime music†including 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 Gloria Hunniford†including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way, featuring Stanley Black with his piano and orchestra.† 4.00 David Hamilton†including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn†including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 8.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era † 9.00 Humphry Lyttelton†with the Best Jazz on record 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Don't Stop Now – It's Fundation. Half an hour of non-stop comedy cabaret. 10.30 Star Sound. 11.00 Bernard Falk presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight) 1.00 David Bellan presents Nightride † 3.00-4.00 Folk On 2 celebrates 50 years of broadcasting from Bristol. Jim Lloyd introduces from Yesterday's Folk Club

Radio 1

For medium wave. † denotes also VHF stereo
News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.30 am Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 am John Peel. VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 am With Radio 2

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 A Word in Edgeways. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Nineteen Eighty-Four. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Peebles Choice. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Science in Action. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Gemini To Jo Burg. 11.30 Album Time. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Modern Masterpieces. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Persona Grata. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Word In Edgeways. 3.45 Music In The Age Of Chivalry. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Hot Air. 4.30 Letter from Prato. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Sports International. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Gemini To Jo Burg. 9.30 Rock Salad. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Hot Air. 11.30 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Sarah And Company. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 Roots And Branches. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today

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BBC1 Wales: 12.57pm-1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-5.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Grange Hill. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. Scotland: 10.50am-11.15 Gioma Gochd. 12.10-12.30pm The Beechgrove Garden. 12.55-1.00 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 6.55-7.05 Cartoon. 7.05-7.40 Open to Question (David Steel). 11.50-11.55 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 11.50-11.55 News and weather. England: 6.30pm-6.55 Regional news magazines.

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TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm Film: Sleeping Car to Trieste* (Jean Kent). 3.20 Cartoon. 3.25-4.00 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life. 10.32 Strategy for the North. 11.45 Hill Street Blues. 12.45am Memory Lane, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Payroll (Michael Craig). 3.25-3.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters. 6.00-7.00 News. 10.35 Venture. 11.05 Yellow Rose. 12.05am Contact. 12.25 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Afternoon Club 1.32 Film: And I Alone Survived. Plane crash thriller 3.15 Afternoon Club 3.27-4.00 Take the High Road 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.40-7.00 Airmail 10.30 Film: Hound of the Baskervilles (Dudley Moore) 12.05am Company, Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20 pm News 1.30 Film: Man in the Iron Mask (Richard Chamberlain) 3.25 News 3.30-4.40 Country Practice 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Star Choice 10.30 One Lop to Go 11.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Film: Ski Lift to Death 3.25 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 About Anglia 6.30-7.00 Survival 10.30 Anglia Reports Special 11.00 Casablanca 12.00 Mysteries, Myths and Legends 12.30am Reflection, Closedown

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Bygones. 2.00-4.00 Film: White Witch Doctor (Susan Hayward). 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Gardens For All. 10.35 Postcript. 10.40 Hammer House of Mystery. 12.00 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Bygones 2.00-4.00 Film: White Witch Doctor 6.00-7.00 Gardens For All 10.34 Jazz 10.40 Hammer House of Murder 12.00 Closedown

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20 pm News 1.30 Film: Bunny Lake is Missing (Laurence Olivier) 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-7.00 News 10.30 River Parrett 11.00 Streets of San Francisco 12.00 Garry Burton 12.30 am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00 pm-7.00 Wales at Six 10.30-11.30 Crown Green Bowls 11.30-12.30 am Streets of San Francisco.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20 pm Lunchtime 1.30 We'll meet again 2.30 Poseidon Files 3.30-4.00 Gambit 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.30 Lifestyle 10.30 Trauma 11.15 Casablanca 12.05 am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Action Line 1.35 Film: Operation Crossbow (George Peppard). 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 5.35-7.00 Benson. 10.30 Crime Desk. 10.35 Comedy Tonight. 11.05 Between the Lines 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace. 12.35am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30pm We'll Meet Again. 2.30 Scramble. 3.25 News. 3.30-4.00 Protectors. 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 10.30 Benson. 11.00 Week Tonight. 11.45 Legmen. 12.45am Closedown

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.30 Film. Hell Drivers (Stanley Baker). 6.00-7.00 North Tonight 10.30 Film Shamus (Burt Reynolds) 12.30am News. Closedown

BORDER As London except 1.20pm News 1.30 Electric Theatre Show. 2.00 Adventurer 2.30-4.00 Film. Suspect (Peter Cushing) 10.30 Falcon Crest 11.30 Rockslot 12.15am News, Closedown.

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Entertainments

Runcie on the shift from consensus to confrontation

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, in this interview with Clifford Longley our Religious Affairs Correspondent, speaks of the damaging crisis the nation faces from the miners' strike, violence, and economic policies that result in despair and hopelessness. And he gives warning of the danger of increasingly authoritarian government, and of wounds that will take generations to heal.

Q: Do you, as a church leader, see as harmful the objectives being pursued by the Government in its economic and industrial policy?

A: I believe archbishops should stick to principles, deal with attitudes, issue warnings, encourage questions, stimulate thought. Economic growth, better living standards, higher pay for those in employment, the recovery of national pride are all self-evidently worth aiming at; but if the human consequences of such aims mean unemployment on an unprecedented scale, poverty, bureaucracy, despair about the future of some communities, inequitable sharing of the sacrifice called for, then the objectives must be called in question.

The undoubted increase in the general living standard of the majority of the country is taking place at a time when the number of young unemployed, and the sense of helplessness about future plans for communities, are becoming really acute. This of course means that you are faced with the question of how you achieve efficiency in order to make us competitive in the world markets, which is a justifiable aim of a government.

How do you achieve these objectives without losing the mutual respect which you need in society, in order to achieve the efficiency? It is the efficiency versus compassion argument. Now that is the stage where I am at, asking serious questions about justifiable aims, undoubted achievements of social betterment, at the expense of real breakdowns in human relations and a sense of common purpose and hope.

Q: What is the real nature of the present crisis in the nation?

A: I think there is a crisis which springs from fear, puzzlement and deep changes taking place in our society. There seems to be a movement from consensus to confrontation and also a growing scale of confrontation, with the involvement of police and pickets on a national scale. Also there is the insolubility of the problem, the questions of efficiency versus humanity, how can you support more compassion without damaging efficiency and how can you achieve efficiency without losing mutual respect? And then there are the long-term problems of the unemployed, especially the young unemployed. How long can we wait for jam for tomorrow?

It is being suggested that if you get an economic improvement this will create more jobs. What sort of prospects are there in the new world of automation and productivity, what changes in education? People feel that nothing is happening about all these things, and they are aware that we are entering a new sort of revolution comparable to the industrial revolution in the last century. This leads to the sort of polarization I spoke of before, because people wonder: are some going to suffer more than others?

Now there is also I believe anxiety of another sort, on you might say the other side, the anxiety of those who feel that institutions built up painfully and with great sacrifice over the years are under threat: democratic procedures, police forces, the judiciary, and unions. Trust in these things has given this country among developed nations internal peace and security for really an unparalleled period in history and I think those who defend these feel that here is a minority making intransigent demands and denouncing all opposition as political, and rallying forces in a demogogic sort of way.

'Often difficult to get at the truth'

Q: You see that there is truth in both positions?

A: Yes I do, but I'm glad you mentioned the word truth, because one of the reasons why there is a sort of jitteriness in the atmosphere, and a jumpiness, is that it is often difficult to get at the truth in these matters. It is sometimes said that truth is the first casualty of war. I'm not suggesting there is a war, but there is a difficulty in discovering the truth in all these sorts of question which are raised about investment, about pits, about what is on the board at the negotiations, about violence, about real poverty. There are all these people who say there is no need for real poverty, but in fact I've certainly seen in a limited experience, areas where there are conditions which in our sort of society are glaringly unfair and where there is increasingly real hardship.

Q: Would you expand on your remark (quoted in The Times, September 28) that "people will wake up to the fact that this is no longer a decent society"?

A: It was a statement of hope, although I do recognize the corrosive effects of anger, fear, and the sense of injustice, that damage our nation, and I recognize that there is now so much violence around in society that it also is going to damage our nation if it is allowed to persist and spread like a cancer. I believe that people one day will wake up and see that that is not a decent sort of society in which to live. I have confidence in the fundamental decency of the majority of our people, much of which I believe springs from our religious heritage. Now, they are not keen on ideologies or complicated analyses of our problems. Given the facts they will accept the urgency of the remedy and you can see this sort of spirit from the particular strength of voluntary effort at every level of our society. It is one of the things of which the country has some reason to be proud.



Dr Runcie during his interview with *The Times* at Lambeth Palace. Photograph: Suresh Karadia.

We live in a society in which the majority are better off, but nevertheless there is growing poverty and despair and a sense of powerlessness. People will say if this can be shown to be the case, this is not a decent society in which to live. They won't accept that greed and self-interest are the driving dynamic of our society. And that is why I think that people will say, we can't allow this state of affairs to continue.

It is not an easy position: sometimes it is more comfortable to be on the wings than to be clobbered on both sides in the middle, but that's of course where the Church of England with its public position lies. I believe there is an opportunity at the present time in a highly polarised society to explore much more the middle ground.

I set up an archbishop's commission (on inner urban areas) and I'm asked what is the use of that. But actually to establish the facts and to suggest fresh initiatives and also to suggest how the church should put its own house in order might achieve more than immediate reactions, venturesome statements, amateur suggestions of solution the strike.

Q: How do you interpret the increasing violence in the miners' dispute?

A: It is important to condemn violence. May I quote the Pope? He said: "I pray that violence may never be given the distinction of unavoidable logic or necessary retaliation." It is partly people getting caught up in situations where they would never act this way in one-to-one relations. I have seen the effects of violence in communities in the pit areas, communities which have no history of criminal violence. There is a sense of powerlessness when you have forces of people who don't belong to the community, mass policing, mass picketing, and somehow things happen that never normally happen. I was particularly struck by the good relations which existed between the local police and the different groups I met in the mining communities, compared with the sort of things being said about violence on the picket lines.

To see people dropping concrete on the off bridges on motorways onto passing traffic, or slashing people's tyres so that they have accidents, and to see miners and police brawling; to see this kind of violence adds to the way in which people are desensitized. All that has been said before but it needs to be said and again. It is part of a national problem, which is not unrelated to hooliganism on football terraces, and violence in playgrounds. In a society where there is felt to be unfairness or in a society where things matter more than people, or where there is a lack of meaning, or responsibility or fulfilment to life, it comes out in this awful cancer of violence.

I don't think we should underestimate the effect of violence and language which distorts the truth, poisons the atmosphere, and inflames passion. Abuse; the cheap imputation of the worst possible motives; treating people as scum in speech; all this pumping vituperation into the atmosphere has a deep effect on the possibilities of physical violence.

Q: Are you directing those remarks to only one group or do you want people across the spectrum to hear?

A: Yes, people across the spectrum. I listen with dismay sometimes to the atmosphere in which debates about our society are conducted. I recognize that conflict is endemic in our society, and there are dangers in the cool tranquillity of a place like Canterbury. That's is what makes me try as far as possible to see, and be in, and speak from actual situations rather than make political pronouncements from pulpits.

'Reconciliation is a costly business'

Q: How should the church conduct itself in this situation?

A: Christians should hang on to their basic integrity as Christians. They should recognise that there are more things that unite us than divide us. There should be a much greater sense of non-exclusive confidence in what we have to give, based upon beliefs that people matter as individuals because they matter to God, and that every sort of ideology and every sort of self-indulgent hedonist philosophy diminishes people as human beings. Also we should hang on to our fundamental Christian belief that there is no tragedy which cannot be redeemed in Christ, that cannot be turned to good effect in such a way that it increases the total output of goodness in the world. Now that is not sentimental or sloppy. Reconciliation is not papering over cracks, it is a costly business, and it is not believing that there shouldn't be conflict

I think Christians should not be people who are too crisis-ridden; they should go on believing in the actual possibilities of reconciliation even when things are at their worse.

The Bishop of Durham's sermon has led to one of the most reasoned exchanges of correspondence between public figures with regards to the miners' strike that I have seen: I thought the Energy Secretary wrote a very interesting and good reply. That exchange has been one of the better examples of debate about the strike because it hasn't been a slanging match, or an exchnge of slogans.

Christians can pray and ought to pray sensitively, and I have been encouraged by the amount of prayer that has created a readiness to understand the issues at stake, and cetainly in mining communities to give some people a sense though it may take generations to rebuild the life of their communmity, there are roots which if cherished can achieve that. The praying church in every sort of community should be praying for those locked in this apparently insoluble dispute. A person prayed for may be a person understood, and a person understood may be a preson enlarged . . .

Q: What kind of national leadership is called for?

A: We need leadership in our national life which will unite and not divide the nation. That's not an attack on the Government. I think that there are people in all the parties who have a much greater sense of agreement than you might think. We need to work for reconciliation. We need to find some way of giving voice to the voiceless, to the people who feel caught up in this and don't have hope for the future of their children. We must refuse to accept stereotypes of either side, and we must use the crisis to stimulate urgent thought about long-term employment patterns.

Q: What showed be the role of the church in public affairs?

A: One thing is readiness on the part of the church to recognize – and I can only speak for my own church – that we may be part of the problem. We must get our priorities right, as believing, sharing, and serving Christians. In doing that we may have to face changes: if it meant losing members who would want to use the church rather than be part of the church, that is a price you would have to pay. On the other hand I want it to be an accesible church and a responsible church, not failing in its vocation to serve the whole people.

The church must be concerned with public affairs, but this does not entail pronouncing on all public issues. Much public concern can be expressed in ways which are deliberately low-profile, bringing people together, or sticking with communities. The most admirable people so far as I have found in the church in this strike have not been the "speakers", but people who have stuck with the situation in mining communities. I would like that underlined if possible.

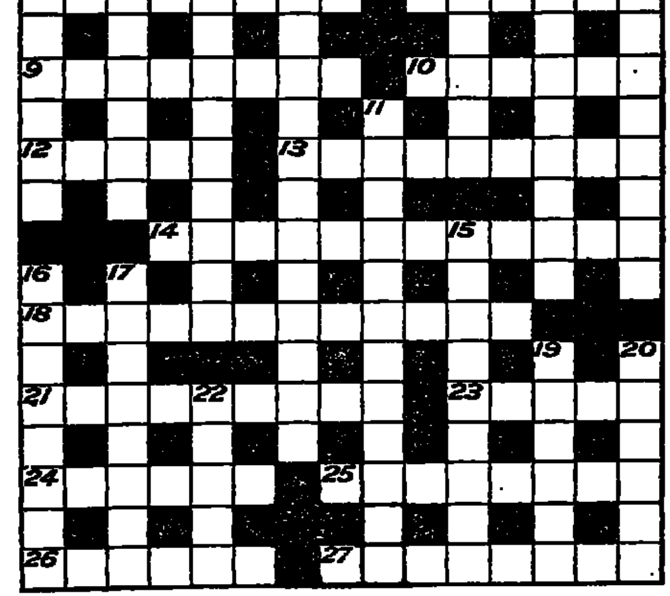
Problems will be solved by those who have the management of power. We must pray for those who have responsibility for the management of power. But we can't leave our future simply in the hands of the brokers of power.

Q: If there is no real change of course in the direction of events what are the dangers?

A: The bitterness and anger will spread, especially if power supplies are affected, we shall all suffer economically, and the divisions will take generations to heal. I think there is a serious danger that there will be loss of confidence in the international world, and that will be bad for our prosperity as a country. And there is a danger there will be an increased authoritarian kind of government either from the right or the left. We live in a highly competitive international world, and you can't deny the worry about that, at the same time you feel as a Christain you have got to speak for those who are suffering most. That's the middle ground, that is where I feel I want to resist simplistic statements, and simply state certain principles.

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ACROSS

1 Stalky, for one, for Wormwood Scrubs? (8).
5 Bright sparks, among the best at ice-skating (6).
9 Most suitable bridle-path to straddle (8).
10 Scientist is bowled – not in the mood for batting (6).
12 Greek character guided retreat by the army (5).
13 Horse in Maine lake from this zoological collection? (9).
14 Slander to resort to if in a civil assembly (12).
18 Shining name in a Peruvian's ancestry? (12).
21 Dance as training exercise, say? What a game (9).
23 Domestic caretaker versus a caterpillar, perhaps (5).
24 No clothes, in the beginning (6).
25 Saucy comment leads to punishment – some women apply it (8).
26 He exhibits some birds, primarily toucans (6).
27 Liqueur a gun-girl placed ready, we hear (8).

DOWN

1 Why this nonentity isn't charged with murder? (6).
2 Move on board to get rid of the French (6).
3 The right artist in a community to give a running commentary (9).
4 Gained a month, she said, in Armentières (12).
6 A Whip, maybe, albeit no good (5).
7 Feature of the stern valley bird (8).
8 . . . affects business organizations (8).
11 Foolish blunder of poor tenor – one supporting trendy record (12).
15 Girl catalogues chroniclers (9).
16 "And not a drop to drink" perhaps? Some quit in agitation (8).
17 Need for a special ceremony (8).
19 Curious traits for a virtuoso craftsman! (6).
20 Come to grips with equipment – seen on the pitch (6).
22 Remains of a Cromwellian knock-about? (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 16,554 will appear next Saturday

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 12

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne attends the British Olympic Association's Annual General Meeting, at National Union of Teachers, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WC1, 2.20; attends Dalgety Centenary Dinner, Porter Tun Room, Chiswell Street, EC1, 7.35.

Princess Margaret attends a concert organized by the Police Federation of England and Wales in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Festival Hall, 7.

The Duchess of Gloucester attends reception at Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre, 14 Condace Road, SW6, 6.

New exhibitions

Ulster Society of Women Artists Autumn Exhibition, Elmwood Gallery, Elmwood Avenue, Belfast; Mon to Sat 11 to 5; (from today until Oct 19).

Paintings by Liam Thompson and ceramics by Ray Silverman, Open Eye Gallery, Cumberland Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 4; (from today until Oct 25).

General

Surrey Antiques Fair, Civic Hall, Guildford, Surrey, 11 to 8; (until Thurs).

Feed the Minds Book Fair, St Martin's Church, Micklegate, York, 10.30 to 5.30; (from today until Sat).

Anniversaries

John Cowper Powys, writer, was born at Shirley, Derbyshire, 1872. Deaths: Henry Fielding, Lisbon, 1754; Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the USA 1853-57, Concord, New Hampshire, 1869; Kathleen Ferrier, singer, London, 1953; Clement Attlee, 1st Earl Attlee, prime minister 1945-51, London, 1967.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.55	1.48
Austria Sch	27.50	26.10
Belgium Fr	80.00	76.00
Canada $	1.69	1.62
Denmark Kr	14.20	13.50
Finland Mkk	8.16	7.76
France Fr	11.92	11.42
Germany DM	3.91	3.72
Greece Dr	161.00	152.00
Hongkong $	10.10	9.50
Ireland Pt	1.285	1.205
Italy Lira	2410.00	2310.00
Japan Yen	320.00	304.00
Netherlands Gld	4.39	4.19
Norway Kr	11.30	10.80
Portugal Esc	204.00	185.00
South Africa Rd	2.23	2.09
Spain Pta	216.50	206.50
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.65
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.07
USA $	1.285	1.235
Yugoslavia Dnr	262.00	248.00

Retail Price Index: 354.8.
London: The *FT* Index closed up 5.4 on Friday at 863.2.
New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 4.85 on Friday at 1182.53.

Nature notes

Fieldfares are back from the north of Europe: the first, nervous one announces itself with a harsh chatter in the sky, then the surrounding hedges or treetops are seen to be full of them. Their blue-grey heads and rumps contrast strikingly with their chestnut backs. Woodpigeons are flocking in the beech-woods; the young ones from late nests still lack the white ring on the neck. Black-headed gulls are back inland in vast numbers: many of them roost at night on the reservoirs. A few goldfinches and skylarks are singing again – but this autumn burst of song will not last long.

The wind breaks off the brittle aspen twigs and litters the ground with them – but all the leaves on the twigs are still the deep green of summer. Acorns have been abundant this year: jays and squirrels are burying them for winter consumption. On the sycamores, the winged seeds are a dull brown; on the Norway maples, they are pink and green. The small pink flowers of persicaria are still common on the roadside. Fairy-ring champignon grows in large circles: it thrives on well-cropped pasture and well-mown lawns. DJM

Roads

Wales and West: A483: Major roadworks on Llanelli road at Ammanford, Dyfed; local diversions. A48: Temporary lights on Cardiff to Newport road at Cleppa Park, Gwent. A38: Lane closures between Exeter and Plymouth at Marsh Mills Viaduct, Devon.

Midlands and East Anglia: A34: Roadworks at Henley-in-Arden, Warwickshire. A5: Contraflow SE of Tamworth, Warwickshire.

North: A534: Temporary lights at Crewe Road, Haslington, E of Crewe, Cheshire. A61: Temporary lights on Chesterfield to Sheffield road at Unstone, Derbyshire.

Scotland: M8: Lane closures at times between junctions 31 and 27 (Bishopton to Glasgow airport); also from junction 12 (Stirling) eastwards, lane closures 9 30 am to 4 pm.

Rail

Because of a fire last week at the main Brighton signal box, rail services between London and Brighton are taking about 20 minutes longer than scheduled.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 15EN 649195 (the winner lives in Hampshire); £50,000: 21VB 841240 (Plymouth); £25,000: 34AP 366098 (Lanarkshire).

Weather forecast

A depression S of Iceland will move E, with frontal troughs crossing Britain during the day.

6am to midnight

London, SE, Central S, E England, East Anglia, Midlands: Cloudy with a little rain in places at first, some sunny intervals later; wind SW, moderate to fresh; max temp 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mainly cloudy with a little rain or drizzle at times; wind SW, fresh; max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

N Wales, NW, Central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain and drizzle, some heavy; wind SW, strong; max temp 13 to 15C (55 to 59F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Perhaps a few bright intervals at first, becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain; wind SW, fresh and strong; max temp 13 or 14C (55 to 57F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, blustery showers; wind SW, strong; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

Argyll, Northern Ireland: Cloudy with rain, heavy at times, bright intervals later; wind SW, fresh to strong; max temp 13 or 14C (55 to 57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Showers or longer periods of rain in most areas, but some sunny intervals; near normal temperatures.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind W fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW fresh or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and *must* claim your prize as instructed below

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone.

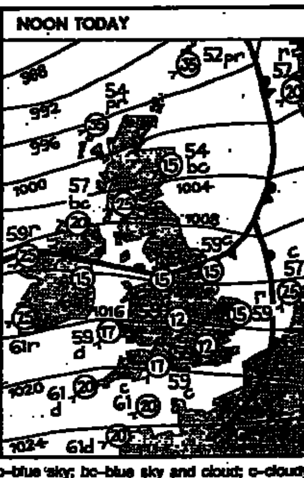
If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

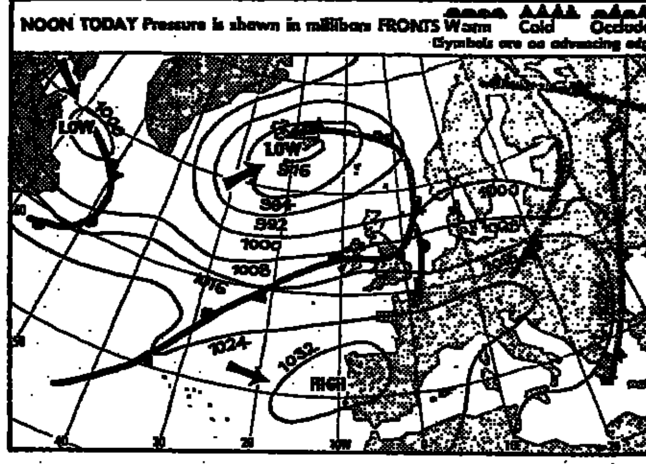
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● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.



High tides

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.53	6.9	2.06	6.8
Aberdeen	1.05	3.9	1.39	4.0
Avonmouth	7.17	12.1	7.35	12.6
Belfast	11.10	3.2	11.20	3.4
Cardiff	7.02	11.2	7.20	11.6
Devonport	5.50	5.1	6.0	5.4
Dover	11.12	6.3	11.33	6.2
Falmouth	5.20	4.9	5.30	5.2
Glasgow	12.58	4.8	1.19	4.8
Harwich	–	–	12.01	3.9
Holyhead	10.35	5.1	10.38	5.4
Hull	6.16	6.9	6.51	6.8
Ilfracombe	6.04	8.4	6.18	8.8
Leith	2.37	5.1	3.06	5.2
Liverpool	11.27	8.8	11.37	9.2
Lowestoft	9.16	2.4	10.06	2.4
Margate	12.13	4.5	12.09	4.5
Milford Haven	5.20	6.4	5.34	6.8
Newquay	5.12	6.5	5.25	6.8
Oban	6.03	3.8	6.05	3.9
Penzance	4.50	5.2	4.59	5.5
Portland	7.09	2.0	7.21	2.2
Portsmouth	11.43	4.5	11.51	4.4
Shoreham	11.24	5.9	11.37	5.8
Southampton	11 19	4.3	11.21	4.2
Swansea	6.27	8.7	6.40	9.1

Sun rises: 7.13 am
Sun sets: 6.22 pm
Moon sets: 5.11 am
Moon rises: 6.21 pm
Full Moon: October 10.

Lighting-up time

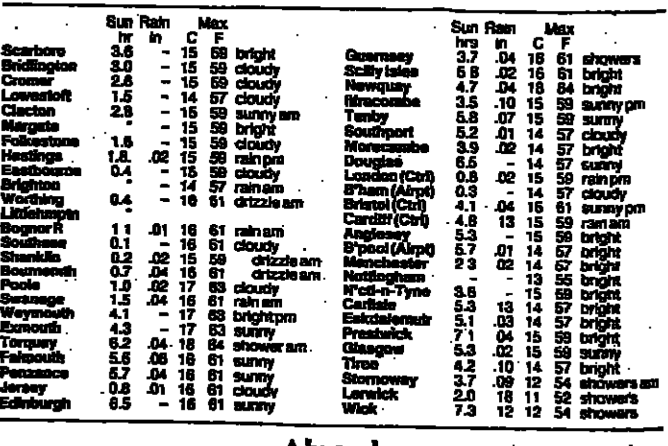
London 6.52 pm to 6.45 am
Bristol 7.02 pm to 6.54 am
Edinburgh 7.00 pm to 7.02 am
Manchester 6.59 pm to 6.55 am
Penzance 7 15 pm to 7.05 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; dr, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sunny.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	12	54	Guernsey	dr	13	55
Birmingham	c	13	55	Inverness	c	11	52
Blackpool	s	13	55	Jersey	r	12	54
Bristol	f	16	61	London	c	13	55
Cardiff	f	15	59	Manchester	f	13	55
Edinburgh	f	14	57	Newcastle	c	14	57
Glasgow	f	14	57	Ronaldsway	–	–	–

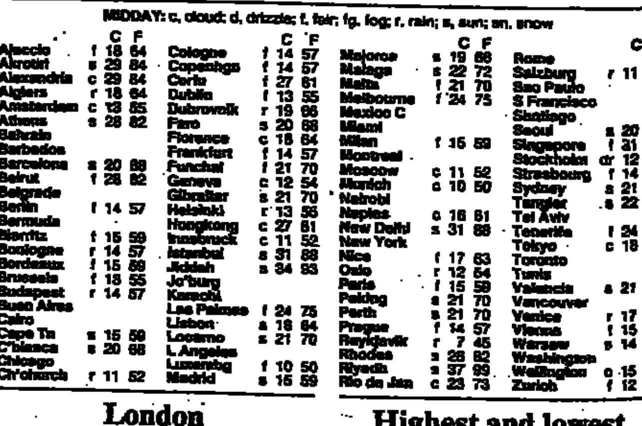
Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.6	–	15	59	bright
Bridlington	3.0	–	15	59	cloudy
Cromer	2.6	–	15	59	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.5	–	14	57	cloudy
Clacton	2.9	–	15	59	sunny am
Margate	•	–	15	59	bright
Folkestone	1.6	–	15	59	cloudy
Hastings	1.8	.02	15	59	rain pm
Eastbourne	0.4	–	15	59	cloudy
Brighton	•	–	14	57	rain am
Worthing	0.4	–	16	61	drizzle am
Littlehmptn	•				
Bognor R	1 1	.01	16	61	rain am
Southsea	0.1	–	16	61	cloudy
Shanklin	0.2	.02	15	59	drizzle am
Bournemouth	0.7	.04	16	61	drizzle am
Poole	1.0	.02	17	63	cloudy
Swanage	1.5	.04	16	61	rain am
Weymouth	4.1	–	17	63	bright pm
Exmouth	4.3	–	17	63	sunny
Torquay	6.2	.04	18	64	shower am
Falmouth	5.6	.06	16	61	sunny
Penzance	5.7	.04	16	61	sunny
Jersey	0.8	.01	16	61	cloudy
Edinburgh	6.5	–	16	61	sunny

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	3.7	.04	16	61	showers
Scilly Isles	5 8	.02	16	61	bright
Newquay	4.7	.04	18	64	bright
Ilfracombe	3.5	.10	15	59	sunny pm
Tenby	5.8	.07	15	59	sunny
Southport	5.2	.01	14	57	cloudy
Morecambe	3.9	.02	14	57	bright
Douglas	6.5	–	14	57	sunny
London (Ctrl)	0.8	.02	15	59	rain pm
B'ham (Airpt)	0.3	–	14	57	cloudy
Bristol (Ctrl)	4.1	.04	16	61	sunny pm
Cardiff (Ctrl)	4.8	13	15	59	rain am
Anglesey	5.3	–	15	59	bright
B'pool (Airpt)	5.7	.01	14	57	bright
Manchester	2 3	.02	14	57	bright
Nottingham	–	–	13	55	bright
N'ctl-n-Tyne	3.6	–	15	59	bright
Carlisle	5.3	13	14	57	bright
Eskdalemuir	5.1	.03	14	57	bright
Prestwick	7 1	04	15	59	bright
Glasgow	5.3	.02	15	59	sunny
Tiree	4.2	.10	14	57	bright
Stornoway	3.7	.09	12	54	showers am
Lerwick	2.0	18	11	52	showers
Wick	7.3	12	12	54	showers

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	18	64	Cologne	f	14	57
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Copenhgn	f	14	57
Alexandria	c	29	84	Corfu	f	27	81
Algiers	r	18	64	Dublin	f	13	55
Amsterdam	c	13	55	Dubrovnik	r	19	66
Athens	s	28	82	Faro	s	20	68
Bahrain				Florence	c	18	64
Barbados				Frankfurt	f	14	57
Barcelona	s	20	68	Funchal	f	21	70
Beirut	f	28	82	Geneva	c	12	54
Belgrade				Gibraltar	s	21	70
Berlin	f	14	57	Helsinki	r	13	55
Bermuda				Hongkong	c	27	81
Biarritz	f	15	59	Innsbruck	c	11	52
Boulogne	r	14	57	Istanbul	s	31	88
Bordeaux	f	15	59	Jiddah	s	34	93
Brussels	f	13	55	Jo'burg			
Budapest	r	14	57	Karachi			
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	f	24	75
Cairo				Lisbon	s	18	64
Cape Tn	s	15	59	Locarno	s	21	70
C'blanca	s	20	68	L Angeles			
Chicago				Luxembg	f	10	50
Ch'church	r	11	52	Madrid	s	15	59

		C	F			C	F
Majorca	s	19	66	Rome			
Malaga	s	22	72	Salzburg	r	11	52
Malta	f	21	70	Sao Paulo			
Melbourne	f	24	75	S Francisco			
Mexico C				Santiago			
Miami				Seoul	s	20	68
Milan	f	15	59	Singapore	f	31	88
Montreal				Stockholm	dr	12	54
Moscow	c	11	52	Strasbourg	f	14	57
Munich	c	10	50	Sydney	s	21	70
Nairobi				Tangier	s	22	72
Naples	c	16	61	Tel Aviv			
New Delhi	s	31	88	Tenerife	f	24	75
New York				Tokyo	c	18	64
Nice	f	17	63	Toronto			
Oslo	r	12	54	Tunis			
Paris	f	15	59	Valencia	s	21	70
Peking	s	21	70	Vancouver			
Perth	s	21	70	Venice	r	17	63
Prague	f	14	57	Vienna	f	15	59
Reykjavik	r	7	45	Warsaw	s	14	57
Rhodes	s	28	82	Washington			
Riyadh	s	37	99	Wellington	c	15	59
Rio de Jan	c	23	73	Zurich	f	12	54

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1023.4 millibars falling.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.6 millibars rising.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Newquay, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, 0.51in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 8.3 hr

Saturday: Highest day temp: Weymouth, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Coltishall, 0.31in; highest sunshine: Swansea, 9.8 hr